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CONGRESS.

The President's Message to be Transmitted To-day.

Business in the House of Representatives.

[A PLEASANT DAY AMONG THE MEMBERS.]

Final Perseverance of Ex-Governor Smith, of Virginia.

Special Dispatch to the New-York Times.

WASHINGTON, Monday, Dec. 26.

I have positive assurance from the President that his Message will be sent in to Congress to-morrow at 12 o'clock. Forty thousand, who will constitute a quorum, are here.

The Printer will not be elected until next week, when, it is understood, the Republicans will vote with the anti-Lecompton Democrats. If so, the fate of the Contest is sealed.

The Speaker, to-day, was a MR. Ole daguerreotype of Christmas. All was noise, uproar and confusion, though the best feeling prevailed. Extra BILLY SMITH gave notice that he should speak all day. Some thought this would be unconstitutional, as it would be a great and unusual punishment. Many motions to adjourn were made and lost. Mr. HILL, of Georgia, moved that the House adjourn to meet again when the speech was finished. Much wit and good humor prevailed, but without a vote the House, amid great confusion, adjourned. Mr. SMITH will probably continue all day to-morrow.

Senator DOUGLAS was on the floor of the House to-day, accompanied by his friends. Several members of the Cabinet were also present. There are yet no signs of organization.

The Public Departments were all closed to-day.

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[FROM THE REPORTER FOR THE ASSOCIATED PRESS.]

WASHINGTON, Monday, Dec. 26.

The President will send his Annual Message to the House tomorrow at noon. Copies have been placed in the hands of the Postmasters of New-York, Philadelphia, Baltimore and Richmond. They will be advised by telegraph to deliver them to the editors or their authorized agents as soon as the Message is transmitted to Congress.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

WASHINGTON, Monday, Dec. 26.

Mr. MOORE, of Kentucky, (Amer.,)—Mr. SMITH, of Virginia, (Dem.,) yielding the floor—offered a resolution, which he read for information, that ALEXANDER H. STEPHENS, of Virginia, (Amer.,) be declared Speaker of the House after the thirty-sixth ballot.

Messrs. BINGHAM, of Ohio, (Rep.,) and BARKSDALE, of Mississippi, (Dem.,) objected to the resolution as out of order.

Mr. McCLERNAND, of Illinois, (Dem.,) moved to substitute the name of Mr. DAVIS, of Indiana, (Anti-Lecompton Dem.)

The Clerk said the resolution was not in order, as several gentlemen had objected to it, and besides there were several other questions pending.

Mr. MOORE, of Kentucky, remarked that he had introduced the resolution honestly, hoping that it would meet with the approbation of a majority of the House. He hoped that the majority would treat him and his friends, who had been governed by the same honesty, candor and frankness as himself.

Mr. BARKSDALE reminded Mr. MOORE that the resolution had been objected to and the gentleman thereby had no right to speak upon it.

Mr. MOORE replied that Mr. SMITH had yielded the floor to him.

Mr. SMITH, of Virginia, replied that he did so for the purpose of hearing what Mr. MOORE had to say.

Mr. MOORE replied that all he wanted the gentleman to hear was what he had to say. (Laughter.)

Mr. SMITH, of Virginia, supposed what Mr. MOORE had to say was what he embraced in his resolution, and he had no idea of yielding the floor for him to debate.

Mr. MOORE said he was exceedingly grateful to the gentleman for permitting the resolution to be read. He had nothing further to say.

Mr. KILGORE, of Indiana, (Rep.,) appealed to Mr. SMITH to forego his remarks till to-morrow, that the House might vote for Speaker till 2 o'clock to-day, and then adjourn.

Mr. BARKSDALE suggested that the House should then adjourn.

Mr. SMITH, of Virginia, was willing to yield the floor for that purpose.

Mr. BURNETT, of Maryland, (Dem.,) thought Mr. SMITH had better conclude his remarks at the time.

Mr. SMITH, of Virginia, resumed, and declared himself a sincere and loyal friend of the Constitution and the Union. He was not an advocate of new or revolutionary doctrines, and wanted no modern innovations. He desired to uphold the Constitution as framed by their fathers. He then replied to the argument of the Republicans, founded on the Declaration of Independence, that all men were created equal, by saying that that instrument was framed by free men and not by slaves. They were free men who proposed to sever the relations with England and form an independent Government. In the articles of the confederation the free inhabitants are specially mentioned, showing that slaves are not included.

Then followed the adoption of the Constitution. Slaves were no parties to the formation of that instrument, and the Constitution expressly provides for the return of fugitive slaves. Mr. SMITH went on to allude to cases occurring under that clause, and said that WASHINGTON himself attempted to reclaim a fugitive slave. He quoted the case of Prigg vs. the State of Pennsylvania, and gave a history of the events from the adoption of the Constitution to the present time, showing that all aggressions on the subject of slavery came from the North, and that the agitation on writing therefrom was justly chargeable to them. The similar reference was made to the Louisiana purchase, the admission of Missouri, and the efforts of Henry Clay on that occasion. He also quoted the opinions of JEFFERSON, MADISON and MONROE against the Missouri restriction. Northern aggressions did not exist in love for the negro, but in the desire for political power.

During the speech some one sent Mr. SMITH a tumbler of egg nogg, which he drank, saying "Merry Christmas to all of you." (Great laughter.)

Mr. KNOX inquired whether it was in order for the gentleman to monopolize the drinking of egg-nogg while the rest were doing without it.

Mr. SMITH said that was one of the Constitutional privileges of his side of the House. (Laughter.)

A VOICE—"I'd like to have some, I'm dry as thunder."

Laughter—"He's a Saint in the House."

After further remarks, the Mr. SMITH received another tumbler of egg-nogg, which he drank, bowing to the ladies in the gallery, and wishing much merriment.

Mr. BURNETT, of Kentucky, (Dem.,) rose to inquire whether this was a private treat. (Renewed laughter.)

The Clerk said he would not undertake to decide that point, but would, if desired, put the question to the House. (Laughter.)

Mr. MOORE, of Kentucky—I move that we adjourn, so that all of us may take some of the same kind.

Cries of "No, no," "Go on, go on."

Mr. SMITH, of Virginia—I was willing to adjourn this morning myself, out of reverence for the day, but the party which regards the Sabbath as an innovation on popular liberty, and repudiates it as a social arrangement, was not willing to manifest their respect for the birthday of the Saviour of the world, and hence refused to adjourn. I then, in a Christian and conciliatory spirit, (laughter,) engaged in a labor of love, endeavoring to enlighten the darkened understandings of that side of the House—but yet, Sir, I am willing to give way for an adjournment.

Cries from the Republican side—"No, no, no," "Go on, go on."

Mr. SMITH—If it be the pleasure of the House to adjourn, I will yield.

Mr. BURNETT—I move the House adjourn. I care nothing personally about it, (but think it due the employes of this House to do so. If there is a chance to elect a Speaker I would be willing to vote.

The Republican side called for the Yeas and Nays, on the motion to adjourn.

Mr. MORRIS, of Pennsylvania, (Independent,) desired that Mr. SMITH should publish the remainder of his speech.

Mr. MOORE, of Kentucky, wanted the House to adjourn. If negroes were allowed a week for holidays, he wanted to know if gentlemen were to be kept at hard labor all the time, and if they expected the Doorkeeper to do the same?

Mr. SMITH—I can't consent to any such motion. My speech would be hurt. (Laughter.)

Mr. MOORE withdrew his motion.

The yeas and nays were then ordered, and the Clerk commenced calling the roll.

Mr. MORRIS of Illinois, (Anti-Lecompton Dem.) I object to the gentleman's yielding the floor for the motion to adjourn.

The Clerk said the objection came too late, a response having been made.

Mr. MORRIS, of Illinois—I hollered as loud as I could, but was n't recognized. If the objection came too late, it is not my fault.

Mr. WASHBURNE, of Maine, (Rep.) hoped the motion to adjourn would be withdrawn, so that Mr. SMITH could go on with his speech.

Mr. BURNETT refused to withdraw his motion.

Cries of "Call the roll!"

Mr. ADRAIN, of New-Jersey, (Anti-Lecompton Dem.) when his name was called, said he understood that it would be three hours before Mr. SMITH could finish his speech. If that were so, he would vote for the adjournment.

The roll was called amid great confusion.

Mr. WEBSTER, of Maryland, (American,) when his name was called, said that hitherto he had always voted yea on motions to adjourn, knowing that no damage to the country could be done when the House was not in session. Having been home and consulted his constituents, and being satisfied that the crisis is past, he should now change his course and vote against it.

Mr. HUGHES, of Maryland, (Dem.,) believing the crisis not yet passed, would vote yea, for the reason stated by my colleague.

Mr. HILL, of Georgia, (Dem.,) remarked that some distinguished man had said that all things must have an end, and he presumed Mr. SMITH's speech would. (Laughter.) He would move that Mr. SMITH be permitted to continue his remarks until they were finished, and that the House stand adjourned until their conclusion. (Excessive laughter.)

Mr. SMITH rose indignantly. He did not see why gentlemen should wish to treat him in that way. He had yielded the floor day after day, and now after he had indicated a wish from the beginning to gratify a number of gentlemen who wished to adjourn, there seemed to be an effort to treat him with disrespect, and force him to speak to empty benches. He knew not why he was so treated, by friends as well as foes.

On motion, the reading of names was dispensed with, and several gentlemen changed their votes upon giving their reasons.

Mr. JOHN COCHRANE, of New-York, (Dem.,) said: I wish to change my vote. I think it is a very solemn time, and I would sit here and pass it among the solemnities of this Hall. (Laughter.) I vote, No.

Mr. BENNETT, of New-York, (Amer.,) desired Mr. SMITH to give some reasonable guarantee of how much more time he proposed to occupy. If he would continue to entertain the House during the holiday week, it would save the necessity of adjourning over. (Laughter.)

The vote was then announced—Yeas, 75; Nays, 124. So the House refused to adjourn.

Mr. HILL moved that no vote be taken for Speaker until 1 o'clock to-morrow. Agreed to.

Mr. MORRIS, of Illinois, said: I desire to take this opportunity for objecting to the gentleman from Virginia yielding the floor for any purpose, unless he yields it unconditionally.

Mr. HARRIS, of Maryland, (American,) moved to adjourn.

The Republicans demanded the Yeas and Nays on the motion, which were ordered.

Mr. SMITH—What is the use of this? The other side will not let us adjourn.

Mr. HARRIS withdrew his motion.

Several others were then made and withdrawn. Great confusion prevailed.

Mr. BURNETT moved to adjourn.

The Clerk put the question to vote, when there were loud cries of "Aye," mingled with calls for the Yeas and Nays.

The Clerk declared the House adjourned, when all the members retired in great glee.

Our Washington Correspondence.

THE FLOOR FROM THE GALLERIES—THE DEBATE OF SATURDAY—PORTRAIT OF MR. COBB OF ALABAMA RETOUCHED—PRESIDENTIAL PROSPECTS.

WASHINGTON, Saturday, Dec. 24, 1859.

Yesterday, after my letter left, there was nothing of interest, except a speech from JOHN A. MCCLERNAND, stating the views of the Illinois delegation, an intermittent continuation of the war between JNO. F. FARNSWORTH, of Illinois, and WM. SMITH, of Virginia, together with a statement made by THOS. A. R. NELSON of the course which would be pursued by the South Americans in the future of the Speakership contest. Mr. NELSON was heard with the deepest attention from all sides, and it is felt that if the Republican leaders still insist on clinging to SHERMAN as their candidate, this can only be done with the express purpose of obstructing an organization.

Mr. NELSON is a man of the average height, with a thin and care-worn figure, supporting a large, square head of the nervously intellectual type. His face is long and rather sharply featured, his complexion very florid and healthy for a lawyer enjoying such large practice, fine dark eyes of the gray-hazel hue, hidden away behind silver spectacles, thick and dark eyebrows and short iron-gray hair, as profuse and glossy now as in the days of his Summer.

This morning, after the clergyman of the day had read prayers, Mr. BOCOCK, of South Carolina, stated that from and after the speech to be then and there delivered by WM. SMITH, of Virginia—from which there appears no escape—he would move that no further speaking be allowed, but that the House should proceed to ballot for Speaker until 4 o'clock P. M., at which time he would propose a resolution, which the Clerk read, that no further vote for Speaker shall be taken in the House until the 9th day of January next. From the shaking of heads on the Republican side, however, and the cries of "We object, we object," proceeding from the left of the Clerk's chair, it is to be feared that this common-sense and humane resolution may not be adopted.

PHILIP B. FOUKE, of Illinois, then took the floor—against the renewed protest of the defrauded WM. SMITH of the Old Dominion—and stated with energy and a very loud voice that the friends of STEPHEN A. DOUGLAS would enter the Charleston Convention in good faith, and would, under all circumstances, support the Democratic nominee of that body. Mr. FOUKE caused the Clerk to read the resolutions of the Illinois State Convention on this subject, and spoke with great warmth and spirit on behalf of the Illinois Senator. Mr. FOUKE is a man of middle age, about five feet ten inches in height, stoutly built without corpulence, having curly gray hair round the sides and front of his head, but bald on the crown—a high and well proportioned forehead, straight gray eyebrows, small steel-colored eyes, not too closely set, a straight nose, large mouth with heavy straight lips and English side whiskers. He has a fine voice pitched in a rather high key, which bears the strain of shouting without breaking; and towards the conclusion of each more impassioned passage, he throws his shoulders and head back, and waves his right hand round his head as if clutching a legion banner, with which he was leading on a regiment in an assault on some breached, but still hotly-contested fortress. The irrepressible FARNSWORTH insists on starting up every two minutes to interpolate some question, the answer to which can do the Republicans no good; and JOHN A. LOGAN sits beside his Democratic colleague, suggesting points and rummaging out quotations of a tendency to place Senator DOUGLAS *rectus in curia* before the country.

The trouble of this whole matter is, that we have a ripping up and exposing on poles of all the dirty linen in the domestic politics of that State from which the two combatants come. Long JOHN WENTWORTH, of Chicago, figures largely in the attacks and rejoinders—Fouke charging that WENTWORTH is a protégé of Long John's, and that therefore the Republican member must be bound by Long John's utterances. It may here be stated that sixty prominent Republicans, it is said, made a formal protest to FARNSWORTH yesterday morning, against the indiscretion of the speech which he proposed to make. This protest only irritated the recipient, and hence came the speech of yesterday, with all its attendant mischief.

It becomes more evident every hour that the prospect of organization before the holidays grows more and more faint. All interest in the speeches, except the merely personal interest attaching to the speakers, has departed, and men sit in their seats only conscious that they have to go through three or four hours each day of listening to harangues of more or less heat, which cannot possibly change or alter a single vote.

It is due to Mr. COBB of Alabama, to say that the sketch published in yesterday's TIMES, while conveying a rough idea of the grotesqueness of that gentleman's manner, failed to do justice to the sterling earnestness, soul, simplicity and singleness of purpose which characterized his speech. His loyalty to the Union and the heartiness of his manner should have been noticed, had the sketch not been so hurried; but writing in the gallery, with members talking on the floor, reporters talking on each side of you and across you, it is very difficult to use either discretion or criticism on what is thrown off in such haste.

As to Presidential prospects there is nothing new, and not any likelihood of there being until after the House has a Speaker. Much will depend on the character of the Committees to be appointed by the House, and this must of course be governed by the political complexion of the successful candidate. There are many Democrats here who believe that the election of SHERMAN would be very far from injuring the chances of a conservative national candidate for the Presidency. They say that a Democratic Speaker, if elected, would have no party in the House sufficient to sustain him and give control; while by the election of SHERMAN, the Republican Party will then, as a body, have indorsed HELPER'S book, by electing one of its indorsers to the most prominent office now in their gift.

Judge DOUGLAS has changed his intention, and it now is not likely that he will be able to visit your City, as was his intention, within the next two or three weeks. The variable and fluctuating aspect of public affairs here makes it important to his interests that he should remain at head-quarters, and unless the House organizes much sooner than expected, he will not absent himself. It is now certain that the office-holders of Illinois intend to get up a contesting delegation to Charleston, but with no prospect of being able to raise any show of having a constituency behind them. The "Danites" will go down with all the usages of the party against them.

NOBODY.

NEWS BY TELEGRAPH.

The Yacht Wanderer.

BATH, Maine, Monday, Dec. 26.

The story that LINCOLN, of Bath, Maine, was in any way connected with the yacht *Wanderer* is a gross fabrication. Capt. PATTON has been at home for some time, seen and known of all men, and possesses not one of the characteristics attributed to DAVID MARTIN.

Railroad Accident.

COLLISION ON THE GEORGIA CENTRAL RAILROAD, AUGUSTA, Ga., Monday, Dec. 26.

A collision occurred on the Central road on Sunday morning, below Macon, by which one negro was killed and five others severely injured. One white man was mortally wounded. No further particulars as yet.

Death of Hon. Timothy Jenkins.

UTICA, N. Y., Monday, Dec. 26.

Hon. TIMOTHY JENKINS died on Saturday at Martinsburgh, where he was in attendance at court. He had represented this County in Congress, and was one of the most distinguished lawyers in Central New-York.

Non-Arrival of the Hungarian.

PORTLAND, Me., Monday, Dec. 26—Evening.

There are yet no signs of the steamship *Hungarian*, now in her thirteenth day from Liverpool, and fully due.

Malt House Burned at Oswego.

OSWEGO, N. Y., Monday, Dec. 26.

BUNNELL'S malt-house, in this city, was destroyed by fire yesterday morning. It was insured for $7,000, which about covers the loss.

Markets by Telegraph.

NEW-ORLEANS, Saturday, Dec. 24.

COTTON—Sales to-day 8,000 bales at unchanged prices. Freights to Liverpool ¾d., and to Havre 1¼c.

MOBILE, Saturday, Dec. 24.

COTTON—Sales to-day 6,500 bales, the market closing unchanged; middling, 10½c.

Exchanges.

NEW-ORLEANS, Saturday, Dec. 24.

Sight Exchange on New-York 1 ⅜ cent. discount.

MISCELLANEOUS.

It is said that an English company has purchased the entire interest of the late Mr. Archibald McIntyre in the Adirondack Iron Works, in the Northern par of this State. Recently a commission from the Company visited the spot, with Mr. Thomas Paxton, Engineer of the Crystal Palace at Sydenham, to ascertain the practicability of constructing a railroad from the works down to Fort Edward, to which point it is proposed to take the ore to Albany, for the purpose of smelting. Mr. Paxton is convinced of the feasibility of the proposed plan, and will report in its favor.

Edward Carroll, for a number of years an employe on the Railroad Pier, Piermont, left his home on the 14th instant, while laboring under a fit of temporary derangement of mind, being at the time in his shirt sleeves, and with only a pair of slippers on his feet. On Thursday last his lifeless body was discovered by some boys on a gunning expedition, lying at full length, face down, in a small brook running through the meadows, a short distance above the Blanche Crossing.

[The Newark *Advertiser* states that a member of the late Dr. James W. Alexander's Church, New-York, anonymously sent 100 sets of Dr. Alexander's works (each set consisting of one set of his *Discourses*, one of his *Consolation*, and one of his *Sacramental Discourses*) to the Princeton Theological students as a Christmas gift. The books must have cost at least $600.

The Sea Coast (Miss.) *Democrat* learns from "good authority" that a cargo of African slaves is expected in the ship *Island Harbor*, the latter part of the present month. They will, if they arrive safe, be landed without any attempt at secrecy, the consignees trusting to the sentiment in Mississippi as to the necessity of increasing the number of laborers, for a triumphant acquittal in the event of a Government prosecution.

Last October a citizen of Dowagiac, Cass Co., Mich., surprised a gang of burglars while they were at work in a store of the town. One of them, named Stearns, drew a pistol and shot the man dead. The Deputy Sheriff of the county immediately started in pursuit of the murderer and, after following him for more than two months, succeeded in capturing him, a fortnight ago, in Wellington, Lorain Co., Ohio.

A man residing at Fort Herkimer, named Morris Aldridge, attempted to murder the widow of his deceased brother; but after making two or three cuts in her throat, was by some means prevented from accomplishing his purpose. He then attempted to burn down the premises, but failing in that, went and hanged himself.

Two of the City Fathers of Toronto have agreed that the one whose candidate for the Mayoralty at the approaching election is defeated, shall wheel a barrel containing a barrel of apples from the Rossin House to St. Lawrence Hall, in open day.

A man named Freeman was arrested in Poughkeepsie, a week ago, on suspicion of having administered arsenic to his wife, who died very suddenly. The contents of the woman's stomach were sent to Prof. Doremus, of this City, for analysis.

The funeral services of the victims of the late disaster at Simsbury, Conn., were held on Thursday. The four bodies were buried in two graves, a space of four feet being left between the mounds for the erection of a monument.

Mr. Roger Alexston, of Manchester, N. H., fell from the cars on the New-Haven Road, Thursday night, after the train had left Milford. Accidentally he was discovered early Friday morning in great suffering from a broken leg. He was cared for at Milford, and then went home.

Mr. James Hall, of Lyonier Township, Penn., having set traps to catch crows, was very much surprised one morning to find a wild-cat ensnared instead. It measured three feet from the nose to the root of its tail.

THE NATIONAL CRISIS.

Speech of Vice-President Breckinridge.

THE IMMEDIATE PERIL OF THE UNION.

Gov. Wise, of Virginia, on Southern Rights and Duties.

Illustrations of Northern and Southern Sentiment.

VICE-PRESIDENT BRECKINRIDGE ON THE TOPICS OF THE DAY.

SPEECH AT THE STATE HOUSE, FRANKFORT, KY.

From the Cincinnati Gazette.

Wednesday last, Vice-President BRECKINRIDGE reached Frankfort, Ky., where, at the residence of Gov. MAGOFFIN, he was entertained at a dinner, to which there had been invited those who favored his election to the Presidential Chair, as also those whose influence was thought to be valuable in that behalf, but whose inclinations seem to point to another choice.

Later in the evening, he addressed the members of the Legislature and the residents of the city, in the Hall of the House of Representatives. His intention to speak was not announced until it was necessarily divulged by the adoption of a resolution allowing the use of the Hall for this purpose. At Lexington, but a few of his particular friends were informed of the coming event, and our reporter, who was at the Capital of Kentucky, was variously informed as to the time of the expected speech. Those even of the Legislature, who were supposed to be disinclined to ask him in his wishes to obtain the nomination at Charleston, were also kept in the dark as to the time as well.

Shortly after 7 o'clock, Mr. BRECKINRIDGE made his appearance in the hall. He was received with some applause. His remarks were well received, but at their conclusion the opinions thereon expressed were very various; quite a number of his friends were solicitous as to its reception further North, where we furnish an opportunity for its perusal.

The following is the Vice-President's

SPEECH.

My purpose in appearing before you to-night is a very simple one. I come with the double purpose of expressing my profound gratitude to the representatives of the people of Kentucky for the honor they have conferred upon me by their recent votes, and also for the purpose of giving my views on certain questions of public interest.

The personal duty comes first, and is, perhaps, the most agreeable. I have no word, fellow-citizens, with which to express the sense of gratitude I feel for the honor which the Kentucky Legislature has conferred upon me. When I look at over the list of those who have honored me with their suffrages, I saw the names of those who had been the cherished associates of my boyhood; of others who have been the friends of later years; of others, still, whose faces I had never seen; and when I remembered the gentlemen whose names had been mentioned in connection with the same high office, I felt, and felt profoundly, that it was an honor which was conferred on me which I did not merit. There were two gentlemen whose names were mentioned in that connection, who, I understand, were not candidates for that office. One of them has now passed away! You have, by your voices and your votes, recorded your high estimation of his worth, but it may be proper for me to say a word concerning him. I had felt that if he were sent to represent you, the State would have been better represented than if I were elected. You have, as I have said, paid eloquent tribute to his memory. I knew him also. I served with him in the Federal theatre, and may say of him, he had a great deal of the old Roman in him. I may say of him truly, that he was true to his political convictions, a thoroughly honest man. I unite with the Legislature of Kentucky, and with the country at large, in mourning his untimely end. Peace be, gentlemen, to his great shade.

The other gentleman, who, I believe, was voted for by some members of the Kentucky Legislature, was my young friend, Mr. BERRY, as the representative of his Congressional district, and when you have elected men of whom you could have elected such a man, I may feel the value of your gift and see that it imposes on the subject of your choice, the duty to give the highest faculties of his mind to the good of this Commonwealth.

NO COMBINATIONS.

I was not present at the time that this election took place. If I had been in private life it won'd have given me pleasure to have been with my fellow citizens, mingling with them in social life and duties; but I thought that under the circumstances that surrounded me, the Legislature would deem it better that I should be where my public duties called me. In this is an additional cause of gratitude. I need not—but perhaps the occasion will justify me, (I am sure that every generous spirit will justify me,) for saying that although I have seen it intimated in some of the public prints, that attempts were attempted to be made by my friends at combinations and bargain, that these rumors are totally unfounded. I speak in the presence of the men who did the act. I speak in the presence of the men who conferred the trust, and I say to you, my fellow-citizens, that when I received that trust, that honor at your hand, as you all know to be the fact, I received it wholly unstained by any sort of bargain or intrigue. [Applause.] It is a trust of which I feel proud. I have not sought and will not seek a trust on any other terms. It will give me infinite pleasure, with your permission, to meet the lower House, and the gentlemen who will be associated with me in the Senate, as true hearted a man as I ever met in my association with man, to serve this commonwealth to the best of my feeble ability.

THOSE INQUIRIES.

The election took place on Monday. The day before I received a letter signed by a number of gentlemen in the Legislature, asking my opinion in reference to the Dred Scott decision, in reference to Territorial Sovereignty, and the power of Congress to protect the property of citizens within the Territories. I received that letter with profound respect, and only regret it did not come to my hands in time, that I might answer it before the election. But yet I am glad that I could not answer it before that day, for your choice is a sort of endorsement of my soundness upon those questions. I confess I was somewhat gratified that the election took place before I had those questions to answer. It was utterly impossible for me to have returned an answer before the time fixed by our laws for the election, but, I never intended to fail in this answer. I never should have failed. Had it been one who signed it, instead of twenty, the result would have been precisely the same.

Beside this, it would have been of but little consequence, be the answer before or after. I belong to that school of politics that believes in instruction, and whenever I am not ready to receive the instructions of the State, I stand ready to give back the trust confided in my hands.

THE DRED SCOTT DECISION.

Gentlemen, I bow to the decision of the Supreme Court of the United States upon every question within its proper jurisdiction, whether it corresponds with my private opinion or not; only, I bow a trifle lower when it happens to do so, as the decision in the Dred Scott case does. I approve it in all its parts as a sound exposition of the law and constitutional rights of the States, and citizens that inhabit them. [Applause.] It may not be improper for me here to add that so great an interest did I take in that decision, and in its principles being sustained and understood in the commonwealth of Kentucky, that I took the trouble, at my own cost, to print or have printed a large edition of that decision for scatter it over the State, and unless the mails have miscarried, there is scarcely a member elected to the Legislature who has not received a copy with my frank.

To approve the decision of the Supreme Court in the Dred Scott case would seem to settle the whole question of Territorial sovereignty, as I think will presently appear; but, in order that no one may misunderstand my views on that question, I will, with your leave, detain you with a brief review of what was done as to the Slavery question up to the time of that decision, referring also to the duties imposed by it.

THE MISSOURI LINE.

I was in the Congress of the United States when that Missouri line was repealed. I never would have voted for any bill organizing the Territory of Kansas as long as that odious stigma upon our institutions remained upon the statute-book. I voted cheerfully for its repeal, and in doing that I cast no reflection upon the wise patriots that acquiesced in it at the time it was established. It was repealed, and we passed the act known as the Kansas-Nebraska bill. The Abolition, or *quasi* Abolition Party of the United States were constantly contending that it was the right of Congress to prohibit Slavery in the common Territories of the Union. The Democratic Party, aided by most of the gentlemen from the South, took the opposite view of the case. Our object was, if possible, to withdraw that question from the Halls of Congress, and place it where it could no longer risk the public welfare and the public interest. In the Congress of the United States it had been agitated all the time, to the disadvantage of the South; accordingly (I have not a copy of the bill before me now, but I remember its leading provisions) a bill was passed, repealing the Missouri line, and leaving those Territories upon the contract and the assertion that the bill made. Did we intend by it to legislate Slavery into Kansas and Nebraska? We denied that, and denied it upon the face of the bill itself. The settlement thus made afterwards received the approval of the people of the whole country. The bill said within itself, not that we intend to legislate Slavery into the Territories, but to leave the people free to form their own domestic institutions, subject only to the Constitution of the United States. That was as much as we would have wrote, had we been a considerable portion of the Northern Democracy hold that Slavery was the Southern Slavery was right, and could only exist by force of positive law. They contended that the Constitution did not carry it, and that the adventurer, armed and equipped, go into the Territories with his slaves with the Constitution to authorize him in holding his slaves as property, or to protect him. The South generally, without distinction of party, held the opposite view. They held that the citizens of all the States may go with with whatever was recognized by the Constitution as property, and enjoy it. That did not seem to be denied to any article of property among slaves. Accordingly, the bill contained the provision that any question in reference to Slavery should be referred to the Court of the United States, and the understanding was that whatever the judicial decision should be, it would be binding upon all parties, not only by virtue of the agreement, but under the obligation of the citizens to respect the authority of the legally constituted Courts of the country.

WHAT HE SAID IN 1856.

It was under these circumstances, while the Territory of Kansas was in a state of commotion, and when that question had not been determined by the Courts, that the canvass of 1856 came on. It became my duty, by the request of my friends, to visit the States of Ohio, Indiana, Michigan and Pennsylvania. In all those States I made speeches. In all those States I uttered the same opinions and declared the same principles that I have ever done in the Commonwealth of Kentucky and am ready to do again. None other!

It has been charged that the Democratic Party of the country, and particularly of the South, desired to employ the Federal Government for the purpose of propagating Slavery and slave legislation in the Territories. I denied that the Democratic Party desired to use the Federal Government for the propagation of Slavery, and I never conceded what we believed to be our constitutional right to its protection, and what the decision of the Supreme Court has allowed to be our right, I could—yes! I could say that the Democratic Party of this country in its Federal aspect, was neither a Pro-Slavery nor an Anti-Slavery Party, but a Constitutional Party, and I repeat it. [Applause.] I do not believe it—I do not believe that the Federal Government was ever raised for either purpose, nor to prevent the rights adjudicated by the Courts. *All those belong to the States themselves.*

There were the declarations that I made, of which something has been heard in all the States. I made the declarations that I am willing to make before my own constituents. I made the declarations that I am willing to stand here and repeat. [Applause.] We had confidence in our own view of our own rights. Our Northern friends had their views. It was a paradoxical question, and we gave it to the Courts.

Well, the Courts did decide the very question which had been submitted to them, not upon a case from Kansas, but in another case. Without going into the argument, for time does not permit of that, let me give you the conclusion. In the opinion of the Court in the case of Dred Scott, it is said:

"Upon these considerations, it is the opinion of the Court that the act of Congress which prohibits a citizen from holding and owning property of this kind in the territory of the United States, north of the line therein mentioned, is not warranted by the Constitution, and is therefore void; and that neither Dred Scott himself nor any of his family were made free by being carried into this Territory, even if they had been carried there by the owner, with the intention of becoming a permanent resident."

Again:

"The power over person and property of which we speak, are not only not granted to Congress, but are in express terms denied, and they are forbidden to exercise it. And this prohibition is not confined to the States, but the words are general, and extend to the whole territory over which the Constitution gives it power to legislate, including those portions of it remaining under Territorial government, as well as that covered by States. It is a total absence of power everywhere within the dominion of the United States, and places the citizen of a Territory, so far as these rights are concerned, on the same footing with citizens of the States, and gives them as firmly and plainly the rights of property which the General Government might attempt, under the plea of implied or incidental power. And if Congress itself cannot do this—if it is beyond the powers conferred on the Federal Government—it will be admitted, we presume, that it could not authorize a territorial government to exercise them. It could confer no power on any local government, established by its authority, to violate the provisions of the Constitution."

Thus the highest Court in the United States settled the very question referred to it as the disputed point, not legislative in its character, on which Congress could not agree when the Kansas-Nebraska bill passed. The view that we in the Southern States took of it was sustained, that in the Territories, the common property of the Union, pending their Territorial condition, Congress itself nor the Territorial Government had the power to confiscate any description of property recognized in the States of the Union. The Court drew no distinction between slaves and other property. It is true some foreign philanthropists and some foreign writers and underlings have made this distinction, but these distinctions have nothing to do with our system of Government. Our Government rests not upon the speculations of philanthropic writers, but upon the plain understanding of a written Constitution which determines it, and upon that alone. It is the result of positive law; therefore we are not to look to the analogy of the supposed law of nations, but to regard the Constitution itself, which is the written expression of the respective powers of the Government and the rights of the States.

UNFRIENDLY LEGISLATION.

Well, that being the case, and it having been authoritatively determined by the very tribunal to which it was referred that Congress had no power to exclude slave property from the Territory, and judicially determined that the Territorial Legislatures, authorities created by Congress, had not the power to exclude or confiscate slave property, I confess that I had not anticipated that the doctrine of unfriendly legislation would be set up. Hence I need not say to you that I do not believe in the doctrine of unfriendly legislation; that I do not believe in the authority of Territorial Legislatures to do by indirection what they cannot do directly. I repose upon the decision of the Supreme Court of the United States, as to the point that neither Congress nor the Territorial Legislature has the right to obstruct or confiscate the property of any citizen, slaves included, pending the territorial condition. [Applause.]

I do not see any escape from that decision, if you admit that the question was a judicial one; if you admit the decision of the Supreme Court, and if you stand by the decision of the highest Court of the country.

The Supreme Court seems to have recognized it as the duty—as the duty of the Courts of this Union in their proper sphere to execute this constitutional right, thus adjudicated by the Supreme Court, in the following language. In speaking of the acquisition of territory, they pronounce it a political question for Congress to determine what territory they acquire and how many. Now mark the words of the Court:

"And whatever the political department of the Government shall recognize as within the limits of the United States, the Judicial Department is also bound to recognize, and to administer in it the laws of the United States, so far as they apply, and to maintain in the Territory the authority and rights of the Government, and also the political and civil rights of property of individual citizens, as secured by the Constitution. All we mean to say on this point is, that no Territorial law or regulation in the Constitution defining the power which the General Government may exercise over the person or property of a citizen in a Territory thus acquired, the Court must necessarily look to the provisions and principles of the Constitution and its distribution of powers for the rules and principles by which its decision must be governed."

So that, in regard to slave property, as in regard to any other property recognized and guarded by the Constitution, it is the duty, according to the Supreme Court, of all the Courts of the country to protect and guard it by their decision, whenever the question is brought before them. To which I will only add this, that the judicial decisions in our favor must be maintained—these judicial decisions in our favor must be sustained. [Applause.]

SLAVE CODE.

If present remedies are adequate to sustain these decisions, I would have nothing more done. I, with many other public men in the country, believe they are able. If they are not—if they cannot be enforced for want of the proper legislation to enforce them, sufficient legislation must be passed, or our Government is a failure. [Applause.] Gentlemen, I see no escape from that conclusion.

At the same time, fellow-citizens, I make no hesitation in saying to you that I trust the time will never come—I trust the time will never come when it may be deemed necessary for the Congress of the United States in any form to interfere with this question in the Territories. So far it has been only productive of evil to us, and it would portend only evil in the future. At present there is no question before Congress. No Southern Representative or Senator proposes legislation on that point—no complaint comes from any Territory—there is no evidence that the existing laws and decisions of the Courts are not adequate to protect every description of property recognized by the several States. None whatever. Therefore, in my opinion, and I submit it humbly and with deference, our true policy is not to anticipate trouble, but to let the matter rest upon the Executive, upon the existing laws, and upon the decisions of the Courts. [Applause.] I will add this: we must never give up the principle, we must never give up the question that has been judicially decided, that this constitutional right exists. We must stand by that decision. We must hold to our constitutional rights, but I would never prematurely raise the question to distract the country, when there is no voice calling for it, North, East, South or West. [Applause.] I say we must hold to the principle—we must stand by it. We stand in a good position. We have the Executive, we have the laws, we have the decisions of the Courts, and that is a great advance from where we stood ten years ago.

I am glad—although we did not succeed as we desired in Kansas—I am glad that the territorial question is nearly fought out. It is nearly fought out. I know of no existing Territory where this question can arise. As to the territory south of the line, where slave labor is really profitable, I have not a doubt but that the climate and interest, and the proximity of slaveholders, and the Constitution and laws, and the decision of the Court, will sustain and protect us there in the full enjoyment of our rights, and in making Southern territory out of Southern soil. While I would not give up the principle, I never have believed, and I do not believe now, in the possibility of Slavery planting itself in a Territory against the determined opposition of the inhabitants. You know that I believed that institution of Slavery could exist in Kansas, in spite of the inhabitants, if it met the desire of the voters of the Commonwealth, even with the unconstitutional restriction that we have thrown around it.

Still, I would leave the question and the property and rights just as the constitutional right between our constituents in the Union exists in a strict adherence to the provisions of the Constitution. When we adhere to instructions of the Constitution, we are safe. When we depart from it, we are in danger. We should insist to the last that the Constitution of the country shall be sustained in every particular. [A voice—"Good."]

THE PLACE OF THE REPUBLICAN PARTY.

Fellow-citizens, if you will allow me, I will offer you some observations upon another subject of public affairs. We have been talking of slavery and other questions to determine that every matter—questions that come to our doorsteps. According to my humble judgment, the condition of our country was never so perilous as it is at this hour. If things go drifting on as they have of late, we shall have to determine questions of far greater vitality than the Territorial question.

I hope I do not speak in the spirit of an alarmist or a demagogue, but since I have been acquainted with public affairs (and men older and wiser than myself say the same thing) there never was a time when the interests of this Union were in as great peril as now, when the feelings of our people were as much alienated as at this hour. Certainly if the sentiment of affairs at Washington is in the slightest degree indicative of the feeling elsewhere, that remark is true.

ITS CAUSE.

Fellow-citizens, the danger arises, in the opinion of our wisest and best men, from the character and purpose and aim of an organization in the country called the Republican Party.

I do not think we fully realize what are the objects, purposes and aims of the Republican Party, what it intends, and what would be the consequences in case of their success and dominion in the United States. If you will allow me, therefore, I have gathered together three or four facts—mere expressions—mere illustrations or examples, from many thousands of kindred characters, for the purpose

[illegible] and seem safe for a time, but it will be only a [illegible]. Even there you will found States only for free labor to maintain and occupy. The interest of the white race demands the ultimate emancipation of all men. Whether that consummation shall be allowed to take effect, with needful and wise precautions against sudden change and disaster, or be hurried on by violence, is all that remains for you to decide. The white man needs the continent to labor upon. His hand is clean, his arm is strong, and his necessities are fixed. It is for yourselves and not for us to decide how long and through what further mortifications and disasters the contest shall be protracted, before freedom shall enjoy her already earned triumph! You may refuse to hear it now, and for a short period, but your refusal will only aggravate the friends of freedom with the severer and yet severer resolution, and produce the union among them, which alone are necessary on their part, to attain the position itself, simultaneously with the impending overthrow of your existing Federal Government, and the Constitution of a new and more independent Confederacy, and cheerfully do I think that there are thousands who will hail the day.

I tell you again, that I do not fear the election of Mr. SEWARD alone; it is Mr. SEWARD and, with him or three Senators, the other Republican Senators in the Senate of the United States, and nine-tenths of the Republican members of the House of Representatives. Could that language have been uttered with impunity or been understood at the epoch of 1776, when the Constitution was formed? Did not the Constitution impeach and stop just because there was some [illegible] against inserting these clauses about the institution of the Southern States? Were they not put into the Constitution by the great men who formed it, and say not all the citizens of all the States bound to support the relations that exist between them, and to give the Southern States peace in this Union? How do you receive the declaration, that there is an irrepressible conflict waging—that there shall be no peace? There is no use attempting to turf over the volcano, there is no use crying peace when there is no peace. It is the avowed purpose of the Republican party to agitate, agitate; to overturn the Constitution itself, until they succeed not only in drawing a cordon around you, and smiting you within your present limits, but to put you in a position where you are about, for peace sake, to emancipate your slaves.

Well might we say, as was once said in France, "Oh, Constitution! what crimes are committed in thy sacred name!"

HELPER'S CRIME.

But gentlemen, I hold in my hand another book which is of no consequence as the opinions of its individual author, but is of consequence as indorsed by the distinguished gentlemen from whose productions I have read, and as endorsed also by sixty-eight or nine Republicans of the House of Representatives, who represent a constituency of seven millions of people. This, then, may be considered as the declaration of near seven millions of men. What is it? It is a book called the *Impending Crisis of the South*, by a person called HELPER, who professes to be a North Carolinian. Whether he is or not I am unable to say. (I will read very little, gentlemen.) In this book, then endorsed by nearly seventy members of the House of Representatives, representing nearly seven millions of the people, this sentiment is declared:

The slaveholding oligarchy say we cannot abolish slavery without infringing on the right of property. Again we tell them we do not recognize property in [illegible]

[illegible] Southern States, a most resolute and determined spirit of resistance. The representatives from Georgia—from Alabama—from South Carolina—from Mississippi, not to speak of other Southern States, say that they represent their constituents when they say that they do not go so far as their constituents, and they declare that they are ready at any moment for a separate organization. God forbid that such a thing should take place. God forbid he or yet sun should ever be done; but we know enough of our political institution, that when once done the subject becomes involved in inexplicable distress. If one were to fall upon Washington and see the state of feeling there, he would think that the President of your country was the Executive of two hostile countries. The feeling of alienation seems to be almost complete from the expression of the public press and public men. (I mean not your inflammatory, furious speaker, but men of thought and reflection.) They are alarmed, other men are alarmed, we all are alarmed. It is not a craven fear, but it is the ennobled fear that patriots feel for an imperiled country. Suppose this should occur—do you not remember, in 1832, when South Carolina arrayed herself against the Federal Government, upon a mere question of policy connected with the collection of taxes, that it did shake the Union to its centre? Such is the nature of our system, that it did shake the Union to the very centre. What were the circumstances then? ANDREW JACKSON was President of the United States, and he was a native of South Carolina; the question was a mere question of policy; few of the other States sympathized with the movement of that little State. HENRY CLAY was alive, and CALHOUN was ready to give the benefit of his influence to peace and harmony, and yet that little question, when JACKSON, a native son of that State, was President, and CLAY and CALHOUN were in the Senate, brought on a struggle that shook this Union to its centre, and imperiled it in the estimation of the wisest and best of men. Look at it as it may be, with disaffection will spread all over the South, with a very different state of feelings in the North to what existed then, with CLAY dead, and CALHOUN dead, and none to take their places, with such a man as SEWARD, not only not native, but hostile to the South, in the chair of State. Cannot a child read the result? Cannot we see that one State falling away, our Union will be like an arch with two or three stones dropped out, the whole fabric may fall in pieces.

These are facts which it becomes the people of Kentucky, with all their loyalty to the Union, to observe, to know, to see, to think of, and then to act upon, with the dignity and moderation which marks and so well becomes them.

But, gentlemen, what is the mode that occurs to any man—because no man, I take it, in Kentucky will back on this subject, except as a friend of the Union of the States—what is the mode? I see none, except it be the Union of all the conservative elements of the country, North and South. The South must first be united, and I am sure she will, for I take it there is not a citizen of Kentucky that would associate himself with an organization whose march to triumph would be over the ruins of our rights.

KEEP OUR MANNERS DOWN SOUTH.

Ought we not first to put ourselves right in Court? Some little there is to complain of us. I say to you, and I speak I think the sentiment of the South, [illegible] Constitution and the laws. I will [illegible] of the United States has one of her humblest but truest men, to advise her to obey the laws of our country. (Applause.) I would have the South first obey the laws of the Union which prohibit the foreign Slave-trade. (Applause.) That is the law of the land. It rests not with us to complain of the violation of law by others, when in a portion of our States the citizens violate the laws themselves. Let us frown down any attempt to violate those laws upon the part of our States. Let us do more. Let us do more, by preventing the fitting out of fillibustering expeditions upon our shores, to invade feeble sister countries. That is the law, and we live by the Constitution and the law, and let us obey it, and whatever expansion of territory we make, let us make it in a manner becoming the dignity of this glorious Confederacy, under our own flag. Then let us call to our aid the pure elements of conservatism and truth that we can find in the Northern States. What are they? I did not intend to introduce any party question to-night, but the largest organization I see is the Democratic Party of the North. As a historical fact, it is undisputed; as a current fact of the day, it is undisputed, that you do not find these declarations of hostility issuing from the Northern Democracy; you do not find these attempts to overturn the laws coming from Democratic sources; you do not find these denunciations of you and your institutions coming from Democratic lips and Democratic Presses. On the contrary, you find them at home, and in most cases in the minority, sustaining with unflattering courage your rights and institutions, at odds and risks that you little think of.

I want them all. We need them all. We need every Southern State, and every honest man everywhere not willing to enter into the crusade against us.

There is another element North, not large but noble and true. They are the scattered and wandering cohorts of the old Whig party, who have refused to alloy themselves with the Republicans of the North—men of whom EVERETT and CHOATE and others are illustrious examples. There are thousands of them in the Northern States. When this great crisis comes upon us, I have confidence that men like these will be found to unite with the Democratic party in maintaining the laws and the Constitution.

These are the elements upon which we are to rely. When you get them together, let us see if there cannot be a general revolt of the intelligence, virtue, and loyalty of the country, against those pernicious *isms*, and if not, let us see how far these pernicious *isms* control society.

Besides these, there are many thousands of men in the Northern States, who, silent, are not heard in the [illegible] of the clamor that surrounds them, men—who [illegible] attend the polls. Let us hope that they [illegible]

Fellow-citizens, I have uttered these things because I believe we are standing to-day, not in the presence of spectres and shadows, but in the presence of terrible realities. There is a mode by which we can have peace—a permanent peace—and that is by an utter and absolute surrender of all our rights upon the subject to which I have referred, at the call of this Republican Party. If we do not make this surrender, we will have no peace until the Republican Party is destroyed, which can only be done by producing a reaction upon the public mind of the North. As it is, without our being aware of it, things are getting worse every day. I had almost intended to say, that we were absolutely dissolving, month by month, and year by year. I see no mode—wiser men than I see no mode to avoid this, except to produce a reaction in the public mind, and to bring up sharply, in some form, the question, Can we not, North and South, live in peace, with our several State institutions, after the manner of our fathers? For myself, I yet believe in, and I have an abounding hope of, the ultimate destiny of our common country. I believe a reaction will take place, and I believe that out of this commotion is destined to come for us an era of tranquillity and peace. Of this I am quite certain, that this Commonwealth of Kentucky will pursue a course answerable to her character and history; she will stand by the union of the States as long as there is a thread of the Constitution to hold it together. We know that if madness and folly and fanaticism shall succeed in tearing down the fairest fabric ever erected to liberty among men, we know that our honored State will conduct herself with so much moderation and prudence that she shall stand justified for her acts before men and in the eye of Heaven.

Fellow-citizens, I do not propose to detain you by more extended observations. I have trespassed too far upon your time already. I think, if you will allow me to say so, that I know something of the temper, and spirit, and interest of this people, and as far as my humble abilities extend, I propose. In the sphere to which you have devoted me, to serve you with all the fidelity of a grateful heart. At all times and under all circumstances, I owe any allegiance to the State, and I am ready and willing, and anxious, to devote whatever faculties of mind and body I possess to serve you, and to serve you with the uncalculating devotion of a man who loves the green mountains and smiling plains, the clear running streams and the generous people of the State, and with one who loves all her infirmities with the affection of a son.

SPEECH OF GOV. WISE.

Reception of the Medical Students at Richmond—A Pyrotechnic Demonstration.

From the New-York Herald.

Sons of Virginia and of the South, who come back to Virginia, we welcome you. [Applause.] You come back to a nursing mother—a mother of whom you may well be proud. She has populated the South, she has populated the Southwest; she has given to the nation the whole Northwest to the Mississippi; she has sent her sons to colleges to learn and enlighten; she has given her children, her treasure, her blood and such talent and virtue as no State ever gave to a common country. From WASHINGTON down, she has given to this common country the chief elements which formed the basis of its grandeur and its greatness. [Applause.] Bound to Union, bound in devotion to self-sacrifice, she has done what would have exhausted any other people—she has built up a nation, and yet is still herself a million and a half strong. [Applause.] Her people have gone to Alabama, to Mississippi, to Louisiana, to Texas and to Kentucky, and every State in the Northwest is her offspring. Latterly her professional sons have been in the habit of going to the North to learn the art of curing the human frame. Would to God that the only disease in our country was the physical disease, the natural, the medicable disease which is merely upon the flesh of the children of men. Would to God that all our diseases were medicable, or such as we can reach the grave. Art could soothe, if not cure such diseases. What is now the matter with this nation besides fever, besides epidemic, besides those diseases which yield to the art of the Faculty? What is it now that beets this nation, that but yesterday was young and blooming, and vigorous as a Hercules in his cradle? What is the matter with our nation, founded by fathers higher, nobler, greater, more glorious than any in Roman or Grecian history? Firm as we are in our foundation—deep as the earth, high as the heavens, broad, as we thought, as the universe, what is it that now makes the parts of our republic of confederated States fly apart? Oh! God, this looks more like dissolution; this looks more like political death; this looks more like destruction of the work of WASHINGTON than anything I have yet seen. Two hundred of Virginia's children come back from a sister State! We welcome you with warm hearts; you shall be taken as to the bosom of a mother. [Applause.] But, sons of Virginia, why, why could you not live in the midst of a sister State? I say it without affectation, I say it without stage trick, that at this moment I feel upon me a heaviness, a sadness about our common country that I never felt before. Churches I have seen split, but the "damn ecclesiastic" tap is no tocsin of bloody war, in the midst of which "red battle stamps his foot, and nations feel the shock."

[illegible] pulpit it may be a war of controversy—it may be a difference between the clergy and the laymen; it may be a difference between the Protestants and the Catholics. There was an [illegible] world. Separation of church and state do not alarm me. But what is this? Without distinction of creed, without distinction of party, without distinction of politics, as one mass, we see our people separated. As I have said to the military to-day, my friends, I say to you here now in civil life, I mean to stand by my State, I mean to stand by my neighbors, I mean to stand by my individual rights, I mean to stand by my rights of property, I mean to stand by my rights of person; above all, I mean to stand by my moral rights of honor, and I mean to stand first, but not least, by my political rights in this nation, the highest of which, in a national point of view, is the Constitution and the Union of these States. [Tremendous applause.] If any Black Republican, if any Abolitionist, if any fanatic, if any fool, if any worse than fool, if a wicked man among the masses or in the high places of the country wishes to take this Union from me, they shall not do it. I will fight first. [Applause.] If the Union is to be dissolved, they shall dissolve it, not I. [Applause.] If any are to be driven from under the flag that floats over that Capitol and over the Capitol at Washington—the flag of the stars and stripes, under which the Revolutionary war was fought, under which the last war with England was fought, under which the Mexican war was fought, under which every war, so far as I can will it, will be fought, I say, if any are to be driven out, it shall be those who seek to drive me out. [Applause.] JACKSON said, and I will repeat his words, the "Union shall be preserved." It shall be preserved by force of arms if in no other way. [Applause.] The moment is come when you must stand united. You have done right, perhaps, my friends. Virginia has been contributing population, blood, treasure, virtue, intellect, everything in short that was necessary to maintain and strengthen this Union. Now let her call home her children. You, my friends, have come back to us, and we embrace you with open arms—[applause]—and standing together we will strengthen the bands of our State. Let her from that Capitol pass a law that shall build up her highways; let her make the great pathways of trade; let her make her centres of commerce; let her employ her teachers—[applause]—let her people wear the wool of their own pasture; let them eat the flour of their own mills, and if they have not no flour, let them eat their own corn cake, as they did in the days of '76. [Laughter and applause.] There was a time when TARLETON saw for himself that Colonel WASHINGTON's buskins were made of buff; now the Yankees make for us our clothes-pins and broom-handles, our locomotives, and even our doctors have been made for us at the North. [Laughter.] Everything, everywhere, turn where you will, our dairies abound in Yankee churns; in the parlor there is to be found but Northern manufactures; turn to the mantlepiece, and every one has a Yankee clock; and so, in fact, in regard to every domestic requirement. I will not advise you to break up all these things now-a-days, because you paid for them; but I will advise you in future either to do without these things—doctors, broom-handles and clocks—or make them yourselves. [Laughter and applause.] Be citizens, self-dependent. They have [illegible] eighteen millions of people against eighteen millions. They speak of those eighteen millions as a united people. If we have not a population that have been put up in working shape, we have a population that have grown up in hardy sweet air, under heaven's bright sun, in the corn field. [Applause.] We have a stalwart, hearty, young, unsophisticated crowd of Virginians here, who have not degenerated. [Applause.] If we had men of old that could fight, we have men now that can fight. [Great applause.] If we had men of old that could speak to the hearts of the people, we have men now that can appeal to the hearts of the people, and we have the people now, as ever, with hearts to appeal to. [Tremendous applause.] Here, in the midst of this metropolis is erected an institution of Virginia's own, on the very spot where God has grown the snakeroot to cure the ague and fever. [Laughter and applause.] Then we have a University, a Faculty, a hospital; and will you tell me why Virginia doctors cannot, at home, in Virginia, learn to cure her diseases as well as they can by spending millions in Philadelphia for learning them how to cure disease? I was frequently sick in Philadelphia, and have had the doctors there waiting upon me. On one of these occasions I had no less a man than the illustrious Virginian, NATHAN CHAPMAN, waiting on me. Mr. CHAPMAN was a most eloquent orator, and as eloquent in colloquy, and I was too sick to relish his colloquy. On one occasion I got tired of his conversation, and I said to him, "Doctor, have you no patients to attend?" Says he, "Sir," in his nasal tone, "I have killed almost all and cured the rest." [Laughter.] Said I, "Sir, have you no lectures to write? for God's sake leave me alone." Says he, "Sir, I wrote my lectures forty years ago, and I only have now to furnish them up with a few new anecdotes." [Laughter.] "Doctor," said I, "will that do in this enlightened age?" "Yes," said he, "it is good enough to make corn crackers for Virginia." [Loud Laughter.] There is more philosophy in this anecdote than perhaps you may now likely give to it. Those high-pretending institutions, after they get their fame up, have more of pretension about them than there is of reality in them. The institution that is young; the institution that is rising; the institution that is to make a reputation, is the one to which, if you are earnest and zealous in your search after science, you will derive most benefit. The school that is unknown and unsung to fame—there is the place to get the real waters of the true Pierian Spring. One of the best scholars that ever Virginia could boast of—I mean that great, that illustrious citizen of this town, BENJAMIN WATKINS LEIGH—was the only man I ever saw in America that pronounced a-c-c-e-p-t-a-b-l-e correctly. That man told me the correct pronunciation was [illegible] I replied, "Walleg don't say so." "I don't care," said he, "Walleg, Sir," said he, "I don't care," said he, "I tell you Jefferson says." "Well, then," said I, "who is your authority?" "Why, was Randolph, of Roanoke," was the reply. "Who is he?" "An old field schoolmaster, Sir, one of oldest times in the county of Chesterfield." NEBEDIAH REDARSON was one of that class of the old field caste in Virginia that made the men of Virginia in the olden times—that made the best statesmen, the best scholars, the best lawyers, the best patriots, the most illustrious sages and heroes that ever gave force and effect to the Revolution. And I have no doubt that here in Richmond science can be taught as well as it is taught in Philadelphia. [Applause.] Let us have it. Let us have science of our own; let us have arts of our own; let us have manufactures of our own; let us have trade of our own; let us have ships of our own; let us always be self-reliant and self-dependent, and then you will not have other people grow so great upon our wealth that they undertake to play the part of petty providence for God Almighty himself. [Applause.] They will then attend to their own business, and let our affairs alone. And if they cannot attend to their business—if they cannot discontinue their vicious intermeddling with us—we will make them do it. [Applause.] If we cannot do that by peaceful and self-reliant means, why, as you are aware, gentlemen, a little blood-letting, a little phlebotomy, will reduce the fever. [Laughter.] I tell you now—though I do not send it as a message to the Legislature of Virginia, for it is not my part to do so—that if blood must flow, if the tocsin of war must be sounded, if we must buckle on our armor, if red battle will stamp his foot, this nation alone shall not feel the shock. The real groundwork of dissension in this country, the real cause, the real root of the disease, is the foreign influence of Great Britain. Your internal commerce, your exports and imports, the constant intercourse between New-England and Old England, beget a sympathy between Old and New-England stronger, I sometimes fear, than the sympathy which New-England feels for us. And whenever New-English fanaticism joins with Old English intolerance in an effort to dissolve this Union—any effort like that of which JOHN BROWN was the instrument—New-England and Old England combined shall not avail to drive me from the Union. No! With God's help we will drive all the disunionists together back into Canada. Let them join Canada; let the compact of fanaticism and intolerance be confined to British soil. As for me, I mean to stay here. [Laughter and applause.] I mean to stay here, I say, with one exception. If invasion shall ever again cross the northern border of Virginia, and I can get one hundred men—aye, or ten men—to follow me, whether the Legislature authorize it or not, I will go North; and if the Southern people are the men of purpose, if the Southern people are the men of will, if the Southern people are the men of moral power that I take them to be, then, rather than let this Union be dissolved, they will drive into Canada every Black Republican, every Abolitionist, every Northern Disunionist, who, like WENDELL PHILLIPS, utters the sentiments—or, worse than WENDELL PHILLIPS—that Senator from Massachusetts who gives sanction to the sentiment uttered by WENDELL PHILLIPS in New-York, that a slave has a right to throttle his master, and if he makes his way over dead bodies from Virginia to Canada, he has a right to do so; and if in passing from Virginia to Canada, with hands dripping with the blood of his master, he knocks at the door of WENDELL PHILLIPS or HENRY WILSON, and asks for admission, they will open the door to the "bloody hands." I say that when sentiments like those are uttered by WENDELL PHILLIPS, and he is protected by a guard of seventy-five policemen under the Mayor of New-York, it is time for the medical students to come home to be allowed, I hope, to study their professions in peace, and if not allowed to pursue their vocations in peace, to quit the vocation of peace for the panoply of war. [Tremendous applause.] And here understand me. I am not speaking against the whole North when I speak against WENDELL PHILLIPS and HENRY WILSON. No, come what will—come the worst that can come—and when it does come, we will find patriots there in a minority, if not a majority. [Loud applause.] This patriotic minority will help us to give the enemies of the Constitution and the Union their hands full at home. [Applause.] However that may be, I will not be content to fight the battle upon ground south of Mason and Dixon's line; nor shall it be confined to ground north of that line within the Union. It shall be carried into Canada. [Tremendous applause, which lasted several minutes.] It shall not only involve the Northern States, but England. [Applause.] Let her furnish any longer an asylum for FRED. DOUGLASS to fly into; let her furnish a depôt for the Provisional Government of JOHN BROWN at Chatham; let her nurse the viper of civil war; let her nurse our fugitives from labor and fugitives from justice, whom she holds to let loose upon us; let her hold in reserve those pirates and cut-throats who carry on a contraband trade between New-England and Canada—men that would scuttle a ship or cut a throat with a placid smile; let her make Canada the centre of a Provisional Government for men of this class, and you will have, my fellow-citizens, not only to war with the Abolitionists of the North, but you will have to war with England—[applause]—and that war would be easily brought on. FRED. DOUGLASS, the fugitive negro—FRED. DOUGLASS, that came with JOHN BROWN's party as far South as Chambersburgh, Penn., and then fled back to Canada; this negro has published his proclamation against Governor WISE. [Laughter and applause.] He has said that he has no idea of going back to New-York or Pennsylvania, for fear that Governor WISE, through Federal agents, will bag him. [Laughter.] I will never put my hemp in the form of a bag for him; it shall be in the shape of a rope. [Laughter.] And he thinks he is safe when [illegible] It would be with [illegible] with a wild revengeance, that I would [illegible] force to strike against the throne of my own [illegible] tyrants of New-England, New York, Pennsylvania, or Ohio, but [illegible] from my struggle. I would rally the slave nations of a war with England. [Applause.] My heart would leap at that alternative like a racehorse to its chamber. [Applause.] Fear, Defiance says that he is bound for Montreal, Lockian, Sir! I had had one good, long, low, black, rakish, well-armed schooner in Hampton Roads, I would have placed her on the Newfoundland Banks with orders that if she found a British packet with that peace on board to take him. (Tremendous applause.) And by the eternal Gods, he should have been taken—taken with very particular instructions not to hang him before I had the privilege of seeing him well hung. (Laughter and applause.) Then, then, if Queen VICTORIA called upon my Prince, Mr. BUCHANAN—the President of this sentiment, not best in the applause.) I hope he would have said that all he could do was what he said he could do at Harper's Ferry. (Laughter.) If the British Minister had demanded that the man in Governor should be given to the British, I would just deliberately have referred the question to you. (Tremendous applause.) I should have said to them, "Come up and take me, and if my people are willing that I shall be surrendered, I will go without a fuss." (Laughter.) Go to the library in that Capitol and ask for the last London Punch. Look at the last page. I hope the members of the Legislature have seen it. There is in the air a black eagle—that is the South—and a white eagle—that is the North—and they are fighting in the air above this English print. The black eagle is held by a talon grasping its plume, and the beak of the white is on his head. He is under the white and falling. Below is a lion, with his claws clutching an elk, but his attention is drawn from his prey, and he is looking up at the war between the eagles; and underneath is the single word "Watch." It is the most significant photograph that could be presented to the eyes of the American people. The North and the South—the black and white eagles—are not by foreign influence beak and bill and talons fighting each other, while the British lion waits over his own prey for them to fall. No, I must watch, I am watching, and the black and the white eagles shall not fight. No, and so help me God, if strife must come, they shall both be made to light upon the back of the lion itself. This will wake up the patriots of the South. [Tremendous applause.] There are some left there, and I appeal to the President of the United States to remember that to sure as there is a war between the black and white eagles, the lion is watching, and I would call upon him to notify that British Government that their asylum of fugitives from labor and from justice shall not be allowed to foster dissension and disunion in the United States. [Applause.] That is the true policy, and that will save this country. [Applause.] You will be a nation yet united. [Applause.] I care not for France, Austria or Russia; we are impregnable. [Applause.] We are invincible. [Applause.] They talk about the "irrepressible conflict." Let it be irrepressible; let it come. That Constitution, that Union will triumph, as it has always triumphed. [Applause.] It cannot be. Look at that figure on that monument, (referring to the equestrian statue of Washington,) and tell me whether mortal power in this country can, by a single blow, strike down that outstretched arm as long as the arm of that monument is upheld, pointing you to the honor, interest and glory of our country. As long as that arm is upheld by the brawny arms and patriotism of this people, the North and the South will unite to drive every scoundrel traitor out of it, until the country is made safer yet. [Applause.] Let you and me stand together, and our country will yet be safe. [Applause.] And we may pursue our vocations, the mechanic arts or professions, whatever they may be, in peace, as we have pursued them until again, as in the natural tendency of nations [illegible] and proud preeminence shall reign, [illegible] begin to kick again. [Applause.] [illegible] so unconquer [illegible] in our wealth, that [illegible] plantations—look at the rising cities—look at the metropolis growing in its gigantic proportions—look at her great West, that is now beginning to wake up and to look rich and blooming. [Applause.] Look at old Virginia turning green again with a hue more beautiful than that of the green valley of the Nile. [Applause.] Her people were never more intelligent—her people were never in better spirits—they have all the provisions of peace, and all the munitions of war. We say the tobacco belongs to Virginia. Louisiana says the cotton belongs to her. It is not true. New-England says the loom belongs to her. This is not so. They are but filaments of interest, elements which enter from North to South, and from South to North; so that they cannot be rent asunder without destroying the vital functions of both. [Loud applause.] The cotton is raised by the Southern planters, but the cotton gin and spinning jenny of Northern manufacture are elements of its production and perfecting. The hoe and the plough of Northern manufacture, enter into the planting of the tobacco in Virginia. If the people of New-England make the loom and the broom handles, (laughter,) the cotton and tobacco are produced in the South, and enter into the manufacture of the loom and the broom handles. We are united by all the reciprocities of interests—we ought to be united by the Revolutionary recollections of our common sufferings and common glory in the past. [Applause.] The Northern Abolitionists are the disunionists, and if their own authorities don't make them behave themselves, we will have the power to do so. What shall be done? In the first place, I would tell the Yankees you can't have those five millions worth of oysters you take yearly out of Chesapeake Bay any longer. I would tell them that they could have no longer the half a million a year they get by insurances out of Virginia. Let all who desire to insure their lives or property go to the responsibilities of the State, and pay the premium into that treasury. I would not only [illegible] and insurance money, but the coal that is imbedded in the earth. [Applause.] I have been signing patents for the last three months for the County of Ritchie, lands which contain unlimited quantities of the best gas generating coal in the world, and if you ask who own them, you will find that they are chiefly in the possession of Northern men, or at least will be before twelve months. They buy land at two cents an acre, and one peck of the Ritchie coal will thus purchase a whole acre of land. I would possess ourselves of these sources of wealth. I would then arm the people. I would appoint a committee to examine the statutes of the Northern States that are hostile to our constitutional rights. The statutes are to be found in the library of this State. I would lay my hand upon these statutes ready armed. I would say, "Repeal these statutes." I would repeat it, repeat it, repeat it; and after making these demands three times, I would say, "Repeal it at your peril." I would say to the Northern conservative men, "You must fight single-handed in future, and maintain those conservative principles which you profess to respect." I would say to the North, "You shall quit warring upon us." I would call above all upon the President of the United States to demand of England that she should not suffer her Canadian possessions to be used as a place of refuge for violators of our laws and disturbers of our peace.

A VOICE IN THE CROWD—Will you make this demand in 1861 if you are elected President?

Gov. WISE—All I have got to say in reply to that is, just try me? [Tremendous applause.] If you want to find that out, all you have to do is to put me there. [Applause and laughter.] I will tell you, my friend, I won't let a Virginia regiment pass three times back and forward by the White House without poking my head out of the window and asking "Boys, what's the matter?" [Tremendous applause.] I have detained you too long. All I have to say to the people at large is, that it is a proud satisfaction, coming in as I did into this office four years ago, with our people nearly divided in twain by a mere political question—notwithstanding the hot campaign of '55, notwithstanding the hard things that might have been said on both sides, I am proud to-day to feel, on that head, that whenever war may come from outside, we will, Whig and Democrat, Know-Nothing and Know-Everything, no matter what party we belong to or who we are, we will stand one solid mass of brothers, united on the right hand and on the left. [Tremendous applause.] I give my hand to each of my fellow-citizens, and to all of you I can say, however you may have differed from me, you have given me your cordial support and cooperation in the hour of trial.

A VOICE—We are all with you now.

Gov. WISE—I have tried to demonstrate to all, of all parties, that, at all events, I am a Virginian. [Applause.] Without respect to persons or property, I tried faithfully, justly, impartially, without favor, but not without affection, to do my duty. [Tremendous applause.] To-morrow morning I shall take my leave of you. I am sorry that I have not more time to spend with the young gentlemen who came back to their nursing mother; but I hope that God's blessing may rest upon you; that every man of you may be made, in the hands of God and in your own virtues, a blessing to your State, to cure her disease in peace, or to apply the lint and the tourniquet in war. [Applause.] And I trust that the God of battles—that God who preserved WASHINGTON to be worthy of a perennial monument—will still guard our country and preserve it in peace. (Loud applause.) If war comes may He preserve our hearths and our homes, and enable us to stand the brunt of any trial we may be called upon to meet. I feel ready, and I hope that every man, in his private and public capacity, will not only bind on himself his armor and shoulder his musket but that he will make greater preparation still—that he will prepare himself in soul at a crisis like this. [Applause.] May we all be prepared for the worst or best, whatever comes.

The Governor was loudly cheered after the close of his speech.

FEELING OF SOUTHERN MERCHANTS.

The Chicago *Times* says:

We have received a letter from a friend in Memphis, Tennessee, which contains words of so much importance to the future trade of Chicago that we publish it, and ask for it a careful perusal and attentive consideration by the merchants of Chicago. The letter, after referring to some other matters, concludes as follows:

"These purchasers now, for the most part, deal at St. Louis and Cincinnati, but would undoubtedly go to Chicago if it were not for the deep-rooted prejudice that exists throughout the South against your city. I suppose that within my own acquaintance there are in the country between Cairo and Vicksburgh—extending east and west from the river—over four hundred dealers in all kinds of goods, not including groceries. These men purchase stocks Spring and Fall; some purchase possibly not over five hundred dollars each season, while others make bills as high as five or six thousand dollars in a year. Why do your merchants, by the constant parade of intense Abolition sentiments, drive this large class of business men from Chicago? Why do your merchants, by the constant and insulting display of fanaticism, strengthen and encourage that prejudice against their own city, which so unfortunately exists in the Southern country? Our people principally make their purchases in cash, and therefore are as independent as possible. They will not go to Chicago, where they have been taught, and where they believe that the entire mercantile community are Abolition [illegible] to buy their goods of us. Now, although with cash in their pockets to make large purchases, they will very naturally avoid the market where they are liable to be insulted; they will of course go where they are not so treated and find establishments where they are more welcome to be accosted, and their money taken without any observation upon the morality or institutions of the Abolitionists or their friends the Republicans.

It is almost unknown for a man from Chicago to come into this country, as all goods, in many places at the South "yankees" peddlers have been driven out by the people; dealers dare not buy goods of them. This may seem hard and illegal, and to a great extent it is violative of that fraternal comity which ought to exist between the people of all the States. But is it worse than is practiced at the North, and even in Chicago?

ABOLITIONISTS IN KENTUCKY.

LETTER FROM JOHN G. FEE.

The Louisville *Journal* says:

An adjourned meeting of the citizens of Madison County was held at Richmond on the 15th, at which resolutions were passed against the emissaries of Northern Abolition societies, the sympathizers with John Brown, and the transmission of incendiary documents through the mails. The report of the Committee concludes as follows:

"Standing upon the soil won by the valor and redeemed by the toil of our forefathers, we would be untrue to ourselves and utterly unworthy of the immunities and heritage bequeathed us, if the town of Berea were permitted to remain 'a standing nuisance' to the peace and security of our firesides. That we may in the future, as in the past, sleep in security, with unbolted doors, it is resolved:

First—That a Committee of thirty-eight discreet, sensible men, such as the whole community may confide in, be appointed to remove from amongst us S. G. Fee, J. A. R. Rogers, and so many of their associates as in their best judgment the peace and safety of society may require, and to this end all good men in this community will lend them support and assistance to *the utmost*.

Second—That in discharging this duty, they are instructed to act deliberately, humanely, as may be; but firmly and *manfully*.

In the meantime the Legislature now in session shall be petitioned to enact such laws as will give us complete security; to effect which, *if possible*, they are instructed to send a delegate to Frankfort to ask Executive recommendation and legislative action.

Third, it is resolved, further, that the true policy of Kentucky is to bind together the indestructible bond between slaves and their owners, and to this end they should not only worship the same God, but at the same altars, and that separate negro preachings and ignorant negro preachers should be suppressed by law.

Fourth—That any legislation for the expulsion of free negroes should be gradual, prospective and humane in its provisions, and in such we will most heartily concur.

Fifth—That in procuring these, our just and reasonable wants, our Senator and Representatives are instructed to lend their best energies."

Committees were appointed to carry out these resolutions, and the following letter from JOHN G. FEE, to the citizens of Madison County, was read:

PITTSBURGH, PENN., Dec. 14, 1859.

I see by an article from the Lexington *Observer* that a meeting has been held in your county, which has recommended another meeting for the 17th inst., to consider the propriety of removing JOHN G. FEE, Brother ROGERS, and others associated.

For this removal, the first reason given is the assertion that our association is of an incendiary character, and the *Observer* adds that I am an Abolitionist of the John Brown stripe, and refers to the addresses recently made by me at the North. In all these addresses, when alluding to JOHN BROWN, and speaking of our wants in spreading a Gospel of impartial love, I have said: "We have need of more John Browns—not in the *manner of action, but in his spirit of consecration*—men who would go not to entice away a few slaves, for that would not remove the difficulty; men who would go, not with carnal weapons, but with the sword of the spirit, the Bible; and who, in love, would stand as the slaveholders and non-slaveholders in the South, ready to give up property and life."

I said if Christian men of the South would go in this manner, ready to suffer even unto death, to the extent that Peter Cartwright, Peter Cooper, not stand the moral shock one year. We seek the overthrow of Slavery because we believe it is morally wrong and contrary to the best interests of all. Of this you have had evidence for years. You know that we have been willing to take and endure insult and abuse rather than avenge injury. We thought this Christ-like, and the best way to effect moral reform.

The next position assumed is that our associations or principles are at war with the best interests of the community. About this there is a difference of opinion. We claim that they are for the highest good of society; that Christ taught them; that FRANKLIN through his life, and WASHINGTON in his death, acted upon them; and that the prosperity of the Free States of this Union demonstrate their excellence. If we have violated the law of God or man, we refuse not to come before the proper tribunals.

If we simply have an opinion and a corresponding practice, and yet not illegal, differing from yours, and you move us for this, then you set a precedent that may move you in like manner. This we wish to avert from our families and yours. We wish to remove the disturbing element by means moral and legitimate. We are willing to endure privations and toil in your midst that we may accomplish this end.

The next point assumed is that our positions are destructive to all organized society. We claim that our positions are those of the Bible, those assumed by the framers of our Declaration of Independence, and that no society can be well organized except on the [illegible] Newspaper reports are [illegible] for further investigation. No interest can suffer from an elucidation of truth. Take time for a full report of our words and sentiments, and we refuse not to meet them in a lawful manner.

That we have agitated the subject of Slavery we are free to confess. That is our constitutional privilege, and, as we believe, our religious duty. If Slavery be right it will abide the test; if not, it is for the highest interests of all that it should pass away by means that are at once legimate and righteous.

I address you by circular because this can go quicker and spread faster than we can.

JOHN G. FEE.

The following resolutions were then offered by JOHN C. TERRILL and adopted:

Resolved, That the Committee which has been appointed by this meeting do, within ten days from this time, wait upon JOHN G. FEE, ROGERS, and all others that the said Committee may think inimical and dangerous to our institutions, our interests, and our public safety and tranquillity, and inform them that they must quit this County and State, and that they must be without the limits of this county within ten days after the time of receiving said notice; and that said Committee are directed by this meeting to take such steps as they may deem right and proper in removing the said FEE, ROGERS, &c., from the county if they are found within its limits after the time specified has run out.

Resolved, further, That the said Committee meet in this place on Wednesday, the 21st inst., at 10 o'clock A. M., to consult as to the manner of their proceedings in carrying out the above resolutions.

SOUTH CAROLINA IN TROUBLE.

There is a serious hitch on the Disunion question between the two houses of the South Carolina Legislature. In the House of Representatives, Dec. 21, the proposer of one of the most virulent set of resolutions unfolded his tale of woe as follows:

Mr. MEMMINGER rose and said: Mr. Speaker I am very sorry to perceive that the refusal of the Senate to adopt our resolutions *is about to take away the golden opportunity which is before us*. The result of the Senate's resolution is merely to repeat what has hitherto been repeated. There is no measure proposed—no action. It is a simple declaration which might have been made just as well last year as this year. It takes no notice of the difficulties in Virginia as a cause of taking new grounds; does not even indicate the slightest sympathy in the matter. I am unwilling to take any course indicatory of indifference on the part of this State to the difficulties of Virginia. There is no action, no notice of the existing state of things. I would rather that the House should not concur with the Senate, but insist on the resolutions from the House, and, if we separate, let us adopt our own resolutions.

Mr. SPRATT.—I am inclined to propose that the House shall extend to the Senate the privilege of disagreeing with the resolutions. I was disinclined, as I believe many members of the House were, to any resolutions at all. My humble conviction was that, notwithstanding the difficulties which have occurred in Virginia, and other circumstances calculated to ripen public feeling, that there was nothing that could be resolved from that. I am convinced that there must be two organizations; that the North and the South cannot peaceably exist under the same form of government. I am perfectly assured that if not torn apart, the energies of the one will absorb the other. I am convinced that when the North and the South divide, as they will divide, it will be a physical revolution. Believing this, I do not believe in proposing any resolution at the present time. In preparing and proposing a course of action, it is important that that action should be such as would be unobjectionable; be such that when we take it there would not be diversity of opinion and distractions the result in our starting; while one portion of the State concludes to go on, the other may be for retracting. If we are prepared to tender a dissolution of the Union, we should adopt the resolutions of the Senate.

Mr. O'CONNOR—If I could ever conceive an occasion in which there should go forth a unanimous expression of our opinion, it should be when there had been an invasion of the soil of Virginia

OUR "BEST MAN."

[illegible]

You may have read,
A very sick man, yet he kept about,
Though many people thought that was dead;

[illegible]

A pale bald face,
Hair partly straight, and partly like the wool,
On the back [illegible] of old Homer's head;—

[illegible]

Doctors and prescriptions, over me,
[illegible] Sayer's Sarsaparilla, etc.,—
But he grew worse,
And seemed diseased throughout, from head to toe:
Friends shook their heads, and whispered,—"very [illegible]"

[illegible]

For her fair hand,
This gave him hope, yet he kept about,
By strict sobriety, his veins of force;

[illegible]

From intermeddling quacks, and their nostrums,
About his ailments, or about his loves—
Thus he struggled
To Bunker Hill;

[illegible]

The exercise relieved him;—and, they say,
He kept [illegible] up from day to day,
Full seven years.
Till he was well;—save that "peculiar" pain,
That chronic "Constitutional" complaint,
Had still appeared.

But even this, as he increased in strength,
Was driven to his lower limbs at length,
And there with easy,
Bellies, till he makes us his mind to run,
Again to Bunker Hill, or Lexington,—
Or, runs away!

"To paid of late he nearly breaks in two—
They make him west, down South, he light a shoe,
He cannot rise—
Yet let us pray that he may live to stand,
A mighty giant in a happy land—
Tall, strong, and wise!
Then shall he win for age that noble breast,
Where he so long hath sought his soul to rest,
In [illegible]
[illegible] Pacific and Atlantic love,
The glorious empire of the free and brave,
In one, complete!

HOYT.

RHODE ISLAND.

Union Meetings—The Conservative Sentiment of the State—Death of a Friend of Education, Illness of Attorney-General Winthrop—Shooting.

Correspondence of the New-York Times.

PROVIDENCE, Tuesday, Dec. 20, 1859.

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The Educational cause of the State has recently lost a most valuable and interesting worker—DANA W. COMSTOCK, Esq., the Principal of the State Normal School. He was a self-made man in every particular, and enthusiastically devoted to his profession. His talents were of a high order, and rendered practically useful. To society his loss will be great, inasmuch as he gave to it a refined and genial mind and a high moral character, coupled with ability. Masonic ceremonies attended his funeral, and to-day the body was carried to the house of his bereaved mother at Dedham, Mass., in charge of a delegation of the fraternity of which he was a member.

Attorney-General WINTHROP lies dangerously ill, almost at the point of death. He was struck with paralysis, accompanied with fever, since which he has been unable to speak or move. He, too, is a talented young man, and of much promise.

The people of the twelfth ward, who used to amuse themselves in "skating," with a couple of flat boards for "skats," would ope their eyes with utter wonder at the Yankee improvements of the last century in this department. The exhilarating exercise has now become so fashionable, that he or she who doesn't know how to skate is set down as one behind the times. This is a literal fact here, where hundreds participate in the healthful enjoyment. Mashapaug and Long Ponds have become familiar names to all, and their appearance on a clear, bright, moonlight night, when the sharp, sniffing atmosphere has frozen the ice to a respectable thickness, is such that New-Yorkers might envy their pleasure. Romantic, indeed, are these scenes. Five hundred beauxsteds reeling over the glittering surface, and as many of the other sex, in sleigh and sleeping company. The loud, ringing laugh, and the high glee of the whole throng, lend exhilaration to the scene, and then

> Round us pours Incessant Music,
> Light that seems but just to fling
> Breaths that heat, and sounds that sing."

completes the enchantment. SIDEARCHUS.

PHASES OF GERMAN LIFE.

Goethe's Centennial—Schiller in Hungary—Dead-Rabbitism in Berlin—Outrage at Humboldt's Funeral—Vagaries of the King of Prussia, &c.

Correspondence of the New-York Times.

MUNICH, Wednesday, Nov. 23, 1859.

In my last letter I fell into an error by following the careless statements of those whom I thought good authority, which I hasten to correct; namely: I spoke of GOETHE's Centennial as a future occurrence, whereas, in fact, it took place on the 28th of August, 1849. It was celebrated in one or two of the largest German cities, but not universally by the people.

This letter will be composed of *gleanings*—with scraps, which may be interesting to your readers; and in the end, give as good an idea of general relations as a labored essay.

I add a word or two upon a few of the most interesting SCHILLER Celebrations. That of Stuttgart, as I have already written you, was especially grand. The procession is said to have been two miles long. All the trades were represented, each bearing transparencies and various emblems of their calling. The bakers, as the guild, were immensely popular. "Schillercakes" among the crowd; the gardeners were equally lavish with flowers; and the printers carried a press through the streets, upon which they struck off countless copies of the "Song of the Bell," for gratuitous distribution.

The recent celebration at Gran, in Hungary, has been forbidden as a subject of remark to the Austrian newspapers; but the particulars, which have leaked out through German correspondents, are too significant to be withheld.

His Eminence, the Cardinal Archbishop of Gran, although at heart a patriot and Hungarian, remained loyal in 1849 to the Emperor's cause; and accordingly, when it was proposed a few days ago, to celebrate the fiftieth year of his bishopric in Gran, the latter fully expected that the utterances of the reverend veteran, on that occasion, would be calculated to soothe rather than excite the restlessness of the Hungarians. But no; even in the benediction in church, the old man hinted to the people the duty of constant remembrance of the former glory of their land; and afterwards at the dinner, he delivered a speech in which the Emperor was only mentioned as the "Monarch of the Crownlands of Hungary." This beginning was followed up by the excitable patriots present, and many an expression was used which made the Archduke ALBERT, who was there, uneasy in his seat. Amid the greatest enthusiasm a toast was drunk, "To our *King*;" and finally, the climax was capped by the proposal, with storms of applause, of the sentiment, "To our old Constitution." Upon this, the Archduke left the banquet-hall, and his departure was the signal for the breaking up of the dinner party. Such signs as these (and there is no lack of them) seem to indicate that the Hungarians, although deeply discontented with their present condition, would be satisfied with something short of that utter separation from the house of Hapsburg which KOSSUTH desires; and are willing to be loyal subjects of the *King*, FRANZ JOSEPH, although they rebel against the Emperor.

I have made no allusion in my previous letters to the shameful exhibition, on the part of the working-people in Berlin, on the occasion of the Schillerfest. The population of *Moabit* (as that suburb is called where the foundries, &c., are) gave loose rein to the most brutal passions—appearing in such force as to overawe the police. Women were insulted and outraged—in some instances having their clothes entirely torn off them; respectable citizens were beaten, and otherwise maltreated, and during a portion of the evening of the 10th, certain parts of Berlin were made fit pictures of Pandemonium. The mob under took to dig up again the foundation of SCHILLER's monument, which had been solemnly laid that day, and manifested throughout as little regard for the dead as the living. Some incidents are grimly ludicrous. At one time, in the crowd, there rose a cry, "Down with the black hats!" and in an instant every man who wore a "beaver" felt it forcibly jammed over his face!

There were arrests made, and the matter is undergoing judicial investigation. Meanwhile the *Berlin* papers have got into a pretty squabble as to who and what caused the disturbances. It seemsthere was money found upon the ringleaders, which they stated had been given to them by strange persons, who incited them to the outbreak. Some of the papers expressed their suspicion that the *Kreuz-Zeitung* party, the ultra-Catholics, were at the bottom of the whole affair. Whereupon that journal becomes virtuously indignant, and demands legal proof or apology.

It is of less interest to outsiders how this question is settled; more important is the fact that a population exists in Berlin which could find its equal for savage brutality only in the palmiest days of the Faubourg St. Antoine. This is not the first time it has come forth from its hiding places. When HUMBOLDT died a scene not less disgraceful was enacted. After the public ceremonies were over, as the body was being taken from his house to his castle and family burying-place, the funeral *cortège* was overwhelmed by an irruption of women, who took possession of the hearse, and sat astride the coffin, singing ribald songs and yelling oaths and imprecations. After which, they actually attempted to take the body of HUMBOLDT from the coffin and drag it through the streets; but the astonished spectators succeeded in driving them off, and the illustrious dead was soon beyond their reach. Such a wanton outrage makes one's blood boil. But if, without especial exciting cause, these things are possible, what would the "Mobites" do when revolution laid torch to their passions?

The King of Prussia seems to be getting physically better, from day to day; but I suppose there is little hope that he will ever be a sane man. There are many good stories in circulation about him, which do not, of course, get into the papers here, but are authentic, nevertheless. You have heard, I suppose, how one day at dinner he washed his face in the soup and, with the vermicilli hanging on his nose, forced the guests to follow his example. Another story is told of him, last year, at Tegernsee, where he passed that Summer. One day he took it into his head that he was a Lieutenant in his own army, and while under that hallucination, climbed a cherry-tree, from which all the entreaties of his attendants could not induce him to come down. At last, the idea struck them that if he was a Lieutenant in the Prussian army he must obey his superiors; and accordingly one came from the house and proclaimed, in a loud tone, that the King of Prussia commanded Lieutenant—"to come down from the cherry-tree, where he was posted, and report himself for further duty." The King, on hearing this, scrambled down with all haste, and went into the house to report himself to—himself!

While he was at Tegernsee, he visited an old peasant, whom he had known as Crown Prince. The old man, not understanding Court politeness, told him plainly, "Yes, I knew your Majesty long ago, and you were a proper young man then, but now you are a little cracked! (*bissl verrückt.*)

The prizes which were given in Munich the other day, to servant girls, disclosed some interesting facts. The girl who received the first prize had lived thirty-two years and seven months in one family. The other prizes, eight or nine in number, were all for more than twenty-five years' service.

There is to be a meeting of the Ministers of the German States at Frankfort, to-day, to consider the question of a Congress of Sovereigns and Ministers, to meet at Würzburg. The object of the meeting is said to be to discuss the question of the best means for preserving the peace between the powers in the present critical state, and in relation to the pressed questions that agitate the Diet.

The *Allgemeine Zeitung* has merited and received *fire* for its course in the discussion of the war, and its kindred topics, the disagreement and concord of liberal minds. Not only has it done all in its power to sell Germany to the Austrian interest, but it has resorted to means which honorable men despise. For instance, Prof. KARL VOGT, of Geneva, having declared himself as sympathizing, to a great extent, with the Italians, the *Allgemeine* accused him of being in the French pay; and a good many people, on the authority of an eminent a journal, would have believed it, had not Prof. V. instituted a process for libel against his slanderers. The case has just been tried, and although the technical decision was not a triumph for him, (the court having at last declared itself incompetent,) it was morally clear that the *Allgemeine* had not the shadow of ground for its libelous charge. This paper, once the London Times of Germany, has lost much by being transferred to the possession of a company, said to be speculators, who use it for their own purposes, and thus, although it is still conducted with ability, its moral and political power is gone. I have heard Germans speak of it as misrepresenting Germany abroad, as fatally (if more genteelly) as the New-York *Herald* traduces America. An American abroad is met at every step by the results of articles from the *Herald*, which have been copied into European journals. It is no uncommon thing to see things, which we pass over at home as the insignificant utterances of an erratic Press, going the rounds of English, French and German papers, with appropriate comments from each!

At the royal hunt of the King of Bavaria, the other day, no less than 368 hares were killed. As a consequence, roast hare is plentiful and cheap in Munich.

R. W. R.

From Jefferson Territory.

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WALLACK'S THEATRE—Everybody's Friend—Knows and Noes.

WINTER GARDEN—The Octoroon.

LAURA KEENE'S THEATRE—Binnary Relations.

BUSLO'S GARDEN—Bacchus—La Sylphide.

BRANTON'S PARLOR OPERAS—HOPE CHAPEL—The Bohemian Girl—Sweet Cinderella—Love's Labor Lost.

NEW BOWERY THEATRE—The Miller of New-Jersey—Mission Scene—The Octoroon.

BURWORTH'S SALOON—Little Bill.

PIERCE THEATRE—Mr. Sam Cowell's Concerts.

M. DU CHAILLU'S COLLECTION, No. 624 Broadway—Gorilla, &c.

PALACE GARDEN—Van Amburgh & Co.'s Menagerie.

BUSLO'S SALOON—Grover Cushing's Minstrels.

STUYVESANT INSTITUTE, No. 656 Broadway—Abbott's Collection of Egyptian Antiquities.

HARDINGE'S ART STUDIO, University, Washington-square—Gangeswoorth's Pictures.

STUYVESANT INSTITUTE—Historical Picture of Charles I. By Vellasquez.

ACADEMY OF DESIGN—Rossiter & Mosier's Panorama "The Home of Washington After the War."

SCHAUS' GALLERY—No. 770 Broadway—Palmer's Statue "The White Captive."

PICTURE GALLERY—Whitlock's, No. 308 Canal-street—Free Admission.

DUSSELDORF GALLERY—Exhibition of Paintings.

HOPE CHAPEL—Wagner's Italia.

NEWS OF THE DAY.

The President's Message will be transmitted to the Senate to-day at 1 o'clock. Arrangements have been made to have copies delivered in this City simultaneously with the reading in Washington; and its appearance, therefore, in the evening edition of the TIMES, may be anticipated.

The House of Representatives revived the rites of Saturnalia in honor of Christmas. Mr. SMITH, of Virginia, having the floor in continuation of his partial speech commenced on Friday, was interrupted by a variety of interpolations and contradictory motions, some looking to an adjournment over the Holidays, some to an adjournment for the day, and others an adjournment until Mr. SMITH should have ended his speech. Mr. MOORE, of Kentucky, endeavored vainly to obtain a hearing for a proposition advocating the election of Mr. BOCOCK after the thirty-sixth ballot. Other remarks, jocose and of humorous intent diversified the session, Mr. SMITH lending dramatic aid, by quaffing successive potations of egg-nogg, while on his feet, to the edification of himself and the amusement of the galleries. The motion to adjourn until to-day at length prevailed. A large number of Cabinet officers, Senators, and Government officials were witnesses of the proceedings.

Hon. JOHN C. BRECKINRIDGE, the Vice-President of the United States, delivered, last Wednesday, at Frankfort, Ky., an able and exhaustive speech upon national affairs. His audience was large and profoundly attentive, though it is said not at all unanimous in their approval of the sentiments submitted. Mr. BRECKINRIDGE, as a preliminary topic, recurred to the history of territorial legislation, and justified his vote in favor of the repeal of the Missouri Compromise line, and in support of the Kansas-Nebraska bill. The transition thence was easy to an indorsement of the views of the United States Supreme Court upon the rights of Slavery in the Territories; the Dred Scott decision, in the eyes of the Vice-President, representing the full, consummate flower of Southern rights under the Constitutution. With that decision, he regarded the territorial issue as settled. The Territories, whether North or South of the erased line, will be peopled by slaveholding or non-slaveholding communities, with regard to political or Federal influences. In regard to the present condition of national politics, the tone of the Vice-President was despondent. The great danger to the Union lies, he asserted, in the existence of a Republican party, whose principles, avowed three years since, have long been abandoned in the heat of Anti-Slavery feeling, and others investing direct war upon Slavery, not only in the Territories, but in the States substituted. To sustain this charge, Mr. BRECKINRIDGE quoted from Mr. SEWARD'S Rochester speech, and from HELPER'S compendium; alluded to the Republican approval of the latter compilation; and confessed that he saw no hope of salvation to the Union, so long as the Republican organization continued to exist. The only redeeming aspect of Northern society is the existence of fragments of the old Whig Party, loyally devoted to conservative measures. In conclusion, Mr. BRECKINRIDGE exhorted the South to keep itself strictly within constitutional obligations, and in that connection denounced the efforts of those who were laboring for the restoration of the Slave-trade. The speech will be read with profound interest, independently of the respect due to the dignified official position of the orator.

The streets yesterday told plainly that the citizens were keeping a general holiday. The crowd which thronged all the avenues was not composed of men hurrying hither and thither to fulfill business engagements, but rather of that class whose faces are chiefly seen early in the morning, at noontide and after nightfall, going to and from the establishments where they earn their subsistence. In company with these there were many who sought the exhilarating scenes which the skating pond at Central Park affords, for there the Christmas carnival was at its height. The ice on the pond was not so glassy as the most experienced skaters desired, but it nevertheless furnished opportunity for half a day's enjoyment. At noon it had so degenerated and lost its consistency, that the majority were very willing to comply with the notice issued by the authorities to leave the pond for the day. At the Five Points House of Industry and at the Ladies' Home Mission in the Old Brewery building, the poor children enjoyed themselves heartily, receiving gratefully the gifts which benevolent friends had bountifully furnished. On the Islands, two scenes very similar to these were witnessed. Many of the Sabbath Schools had postponed their festivals, and wherever these little conventions of little folks gathered together, there were pleasant half hours occupied in listening to addresses and partaking of refreshments. The usual rows of desks in the various banks, to take care of those notes which unfortunately fell due, but all the other employes of these institutions enjoyed a holiday.

A meeting was called in Williamsburgh last evening, by some of the colored people who felt especially aggrieved by the remarks of Mr. [illegible] O'Connor at the recent Union meeting, to express indignation at the utterances of that gentleman, as well as to give his arguments a practical refutation. But the attractions of Christmas proved too strong. Only fourteen persons were present, and Rev. Mr. HOGGE alone volunteered any remarks. It was determined to call another meeting at an early day.

A MALEVOLENT BEQUEST.—A Mr. JOHN SHAKESPEARE, of Leicester, England, who either was or supposed himself to be a descendant of the immortal bard, died in 1848, leaving $12,500 for "the establishment of a Museum" at Stratford-on-Avon, in honor of the poet, and $150 a year to be paid to the person appointed to reside in the house as keeper, for the purpose of providing and preserving "a vellum-bound book," to present, "with pen and ink, to any visitor who may be desirous of inscribing any sentiment, in prose or verse, in honor of the poet."

The will is contested, on the ground of uncertainty as regards the "Museum," and for [illegible] of the perpetuity act, as regards "the vellum-bound book." The case is now pending in the Court of Chancery in London, before Vice-Chancellor WOOD.

Every one who venerates the poet's memory (and who does not?) must hope that the legacy for a book of sentiments will not be allowed to stand. So few people visit Stratford who have not "a sentiment" to offer, "either in prose or verse," and the mass of the said sentiments are such unmitigated twaddle, that a collection of volumes containing them would after a few years form not a monument, but a heap of rubbish, the more thought of which is enough to make any one who either loves SHAKESPEARE or feels jealous for the honor of human nature, blush to the roots of his hair. One can hardly avoid suspecting that Mr. SHAKESPEARE, in inserting any such provision in his will, was animated by a desire to expose those of his fellow-men who might visit Stratford, to the contempt of posterity.

Governor Wise on the Union.

If wit consists in the sudden juxtaposition of incongruous ideas, Governor WISE has just delivered the wittiest speech ever made upon this Western Continent. He has selected the occasion of a small medical exodus of Southern students from a Northern city, for proclaiming his determination to maintain the American Union; and has exalted practical secession, in its most inane and offensive form, as the panacea for renewing the best possible feeling between the people of the two great sections of the Republic. Asserting, in the broadest and boldest terms, the rather startling proposition that Virginia has contributed to "our common country the chief elements which form the basis of its grandeur and its glory," he summons that Commonwealth to "call home her children," or, in other words, to suck the rest of the nation dry of all that is "necessary to maintain and strengthen this Union." "Great wits," we are told, "are sure to madness near allied," and the narrow boundary line between lunacy and humor, in this most extraordinary oration, affords so striking an illustration of DRYDEN'S aphorism, that it is a kind of public duty, in these times of trial and trouble, for us to point out its exceeding tenuity. The Governor of Virginia occupies a post of singular responsibility in this hour of intense sectional agitation, and it is quite as important for the South as for the North fully to understand just how much reliance ought to be placed on the capacity, the common sense and the statesmanship of that functionary.

For the sincerity of Gov. WISE'S feelings and disposition we have the utmost respect. It is probable, indeed, that his Excellency, while he keeps "a single eye" fixed on the welfare of Virginia, may permit his other visual orb to wander from time to time in the direction of the White House at Washington. But to say this, is not at all to impeach his probity or his patriotism. It is a lawful and honorable thing for a public man to desire the magnificent opportunities of the Presidential chair, and if we could believe that Gov. WISE had anything like a rational conception of the crisis at which we stand, and of the means of meeting it,—of the nation, its character and its destinies, we should be perfectly ready to wish him success in his aspirations.

But, in all simplicity, if we are to take the Governor at his word, we are half-tempted to believe him a kind of unconscious Rabelais, treating the whole question of Union and disunion as an enormous quiz, and scattering in sport words which, taken seriously, are nothing less than firebrands and death. For it is difficult to understand how a man who really believes all that Gov. WISE advanced in his last week's speech to the fugitive medical students at Richmond, should have been able to make his way coherently even through the trivial complications of so slight a political question as that of the famous oyster *fundum*. To accept the leadership of such a man in the mazes of a grave national difficulty, would be the purest frenzy.

It is hard to say what feature of this oration is the wildest and the most amazing. Its rhetoric, its ratiocination, its statistics, all savor alike of the repository which ASTOLFO found in the moon. To begin, then, anywhere,—for the oration resembles a polypus, in being all head and all tail, so that cut it where you will, and read it in whatever direction, you find its inarticulate organization indifferently complete,—Gov. WISE defies the "irrepressible conflict." "Let it come," he valiantly exclaims—"the Constitution and the Union will triumph as they have ever triumphed." Very good; and how? By driving back into Canada "every Black Republican, every Abolitionist, every disunionist." The South is to preserve the Union by clearing the country of all men who infest the North, holding opinions inconsistent with the doctrines of Gov. WISE. The "Abolitionist" and "disunionist" wings of this army of traitors do not much signify, of course; their numbers are small—their valor, if it is to be judged by their placid acquiescence in the defeat of JOHN BROWN and his band, not exactly the valor of Paladins. But the "Black Republicans," upon whose threatened triumph in in 1856 Gov. WISE stood prepared to execute the policy which he again avows to-day—how is it with them? Their vote in 1856 revealed a total of 1,500,000 grown men, from whom it will be necessary for us to be relieved by the gubernatorial onslaught. The loss of so great a productive force might be detrimental to our national prosperity, and suggests the advisability of an attempt to convert these miscreant myriads before proceeding to summary ejection. But Gov. WISE is too strongly bent on saving the Union to think of this, and he assures us that he is ready "to cross the border of Virginia *whether the Legislature authorizes it or not, with ten men*," and *do the great riddance for us*. Nor will he stop here. To empty the North of the whole Republican party, ought in all conscience to produce an immense immediate improvement in the health of the Union; but our State physician is bent on a radical cure. "The real root of the disease of the country," he has ascertained, "is the foreign influence of Great Britain." Great Britain, whose prosperity would receive from the violent rupture of the American Union, or the violent abolition of Southern Slavery, a more stunning blow than could from any other quarter, equally indirect, be inflicted upon it; Great Britain, it seems, our best customer and nearest national friend, is doing her utmost to precipitate the unbelieving masses of the North upon Gov. WISE and his ten righteous men. Therefore the Governor is determined to crush Great Britain also. His "heart would leap to a war with England like a bridegroom to his chamber." It would not be such a very tremendous war after all. Had the Governor, indeed, possessed "but one long, low, black, rakish, well-armed steamer in Hampton Roads," he would have brought the war on already by putting her on the Banks, "with orders to take FRED DOUGLASS, the negro, from on [illegible] said negro, "by the [illegible] been taken." Thus, of course, [illegible] that war the one steamer which Virginia only wishes that she had, would make as short work with the whole British Navy as the Governor and his ten men would make with the million and a half of Northern Republicans. Could anything be more sane, more considerate, more statesmanlike, than this proposed raid by sea upon the Cunarders?

If any man doubts the complicity of England in the perils which menace our peace, let him visit Richmond, go

"To the library in that Capitol and ask for the last London *Punch*. Look at the last page. There is in the air a black eagle—that is the South—and a white eagle—that is the North—and they are fighting in the air above this English print. The black eagle is held by a talon grasping his vitals, and the beak of the white is upon his head. He is under the white, and falling. Below is a lion, with his claws clutching an elk, but his attention is drawn from his prey, and he is looking up at the war between the eagles; and, underneath is the simple word "watch!" It is the most significant photograph that could be presented to the eyes of the American people. The North and the South—the black and white eagles—are set by foreign influence beak and bill and talons fighting each other, while the British lion waits over his own prey for them to fall."

Is not this conclusive? To be sure, we have received at the North about a dozen numbers of *Punch* since this issue, which is the "last" heard from at Richmond; and the world at large, seeing that the eagles of the said picture wore crowns on their heads, had imagined them to represent France and Austria circling in fight over defenceless Britain; but, then, Gov. WISE is a match for the Talmud at finding out hidden meanings. His interpretations of Western history are not less astonishing than this. By way of satisfying his young medical friends that they have done right to quit the North, he assures them that the whole Northwest is made up of the offspring of Virginia: "every State," is the Governor's phrase, "in the Northwest. She has built up a nation, and is yet herself a million and a half strong." To have done as much, he thinks, "would have exhausted any other people."

Virginia has sent out a goodly emigration, certainly, into our Free Western States, but are the words of the Governor quite exact? In all the now Free Western States, including California and excluding Oregon, there lived in 1850, 202,497 natives of Virginia. In the same States at the same time there lived of New-Yorkers 401,662, Pennsylvanians 383,829, Germans, 367,171. Two American Free States alone having contributed to the Free West much more than three times the Virginian quota, and having themselves advanced immensely upon Virginia in population while so doing, we can hardly accept the Governor's statistics as an argument for his policy. The only thing which they prove, indeed, is the truth illustrated by his whole discourse, that nothing is more disastrous to a manner a State than the power of speech, when it is surrendered up absolutely to the control of impulse, excitement, fancy, and a chivalrous equestrian passion for "riding the whirlwind and directing the storm."

The British in India.

The British Government in India has effected what it considers to be a sure and lasting pacification of Oude. The Governor-General had, just before the departure of the last mail, made a triumphal entry into Lucknow, and in full *durbar*, or royal session, conferred upon the talookdars, or great landholding aristocracy, the full and entire possession of all their estates, by the same tenure as that by which they held them before the annexation, and pledged the faith of the government for the maintenance of the rights thus vested in them. By this resettlement of the country, the feudal lords, whose resistance it was that gave the royal forces so much trouble during the mutiny, take possession of their old forts and domains, and resume their old sway over their tenantry,—and in fact, assume towards their new masters the very relation they filled towards the deposed King. They are the real governors of the country, as they will exercise almost sovereign power towards their dependents. To them the central Government will look for the collection of taxes, and in the main for the preservation of order. They will not, it is true, be allowed to fortify their abodes, and mount heavy guns in them, as under the old *régime*; and the British authorities will doubtless make it their business to restrain gross violence or oppression, and to cast over the whole community, as far as such a social organization will permit, the protection of the laws. They will form an invaluable substitute for the licentious tyrants who preceded them, and who, as long as the nobles paid the tribute which supported the debaucheries of the Serail, left the country at their mercy. But the system which has just been inaugurated is to all intents and purposes the system which prevailed before the annexation in 1856, shorn of its worst abuses—a feudal aristocracy, holding their lands by military tenures of a powerful suzerain residing in the capital.

This sudden change of policy on the part of the British towards a class of men who have been denounced for the last four years, not only as the real authors of the late insurrection, but as the great curse of the country, and the real bar to its prosperity—robbers, who made industry impossible, and whose chief amusement was civil war—is due to the fact, which has now become apparent, that if the talookdars remained malcontent the country could only be held, for many years to come at least, by a military occupation on a large scale, and the occupying force would have moreover to be a European one. Every noble has a large following of *budmashes*, or armed rowdies, and is the object on the part of his tenantry, in spite of his oppressions and exactions, of that strange, spaniel-like attachment which almost every race in a semi-barbarous state bestows upon local chiefs of its own blood and faith—kicks, cuffs and plunder in any wise notwithstanding. If they are attached to the Government, its position is secure; if they are hostile, its authority may indeed be preserved, but for a time, at least, can only be preserved by constant readiness for war.

But it must nevertheless be acknowledged, that in making this settlement the British Government is preserving its authority at the expense of nearly everything which renders its position in India defensible. The only thing which can justify the maintenance of the vast Oriental Empire which now acknowledges the sway of Queen VICTORIA, is its influence, if it has any, in elevating the masses of India from the condition of degraded serfs into that of industrious and prosperous freemen—in insuring to them the blessings of an impartial administration of justice based on fixed and known laws, and surrounding their lives and their possessions with all the safeguards which a good police, a strong government and able judges insure to any other class of British [illegible] A race whom days [illegible] horrible oppression have ground into the dust, from which he extracts nothing but a ration of the simplest food, cannot be converted in one year, or in ten, into an adorer of the Bill of Rights, and a stern stickler for trial by jury; but care can at least be taken that every change in his relations to the Government shall foster his attachment to the law and confidence in its protection—shall destroy the hold on his imagination of the dire traditions which cause him always to associate power with spoliation, and which, in making accumulation appear impossible, have made sober industry appear hateful.

It must be admitted that the way to do all this is not to hand the body of the people over to the tender mercies of a class of turbulent feudatories, each supreme in his own district, without any other guarantee for the security of either life or property than a difficult, dangerous appeal to the British Viceroy at Lucknow, and the necessarily slipshod and careless supervision of a few British officers in command of scattered military stations. The London *Times* says that this settlement is solemnly guaranteed to the talookdars as perpetual; and if such is the case, it is a disgraceful abandonment on the part of the Government of its duties to the people; and the same journal then adds apologetically, though with strange inconsistency, that "it is but an experiment." If intended to be only an experiment, however, its failure will necessitate a gross breach of faith towards the talookdars.

In either case, the affair will prove both dangerous and discreditable to its authors. The scheme is of a piece with the course pursued by the East Indian Company during the whole period of its rule, with regard to Indian land tenures. The cultivator of the soil in Hindostan was, in the old Hindoo times, to all intents and purposes its proprietor. The sovereign was generally the landlord, but the rent consisted simply of the taxes, and these were assessed by the collector—not arbitrarily, upon each man, but upon each district, *en masse*, according to the rule or custom which happened to prevail in the neighborhood. When the Moguls took possession, they made a minute survey of the land, and assessed each field separately. This assessment was, of course, increased at the pleasure of the local Governor, but the peasant was still in reality the proprietor of his favor, and no worse off than the subject of any despot who imposes taxes at pleasure.

When the British arrived, therefore, and took the place of the old rulers, they found themselves in direct contact with the peasant proprietors, and all they had to do was to fix the rate of taxation, and administer justice faithfully, to make the masses prosperous and happy. They were, however, utterly unable at that time to conceive of a state of society composed entirely of cultivators, without landlords or aristocracy, and refused to believe in the possibility of such a thing. They therefore looked around for landlords, and finding that the zemindars, or collectors of taxes, were generally wealthy, and that the office was hereditary, concluded they were the landlords, and persisted in regarding them as the owners of the soil in fee, and responsible for the taxes. They therefore deliberately handed over the unfortunate ryots to these leeches, bred in extortion, and the result was the ruin of the landlord and the reduction of the tenantry to the lowest depths of misery, the encouragement of oppression, and the utter destruction of all popular confidence in the Government and the law. The Company got its "aristocracy," such as it was, but it got it at the expense of abuses which, after more than half a century of occupation, render the British footing in India at the present day so horribly insecure. The experiment has not been attempted on the same scale in Madras and Bombay as in Bengal; but after such experience of its bad consequences in the last mentioned province, its deliberate repetition in Oude evinces an amount of blindness and obstinacy on the part of the powers that be, which does not promise either much tranquillity or prosperity in the future.

A Thorough-going Slave-Trader.

The *Wanderer* seems likely to furnish employment to the officers of the law for some time to come. Her last exploit entitles her to a place in naval history to which no other vessel of modern times can lay claim. She has for the last month been engaged in two different kinds of piracy—the Slave-trade and the robbery of other vessels. Most slavers at least buy their stores before they start; but the gallant Captain MARTIN no doubt felt the inconsistency of honestly buying the food for men whom one is about to steal, and determined not to be guilty of so flagrant an act of folly. So with a manliness which even his foes must admire, he resolved that his expedition in search of labor for the South should not be sullied by any sneaking deference to the popular prejudices on the subject of property. Sailor though he is, he has evidently a more logical mind than Mr. LAMAR, and marched boldly to the impregnable conclusion, that the right to steal men, *à fortiori*, gives the right to steal whatever may be necessary to bring them to market. So he concocted, and has been very near carrying out, a scheme of the most thorough, unmitigated robbery in the annals of plunder and pillage. He began by stealing a ship—at least, so says Mr. LAMAR, and Mr. LAMAR is a gentleman whose word is not to be lightly questioned; he then went to the Island of Flores, and stole water, firewood, liquor, flour, rope, 256 bushels of potatoes, an anchor, 120 fathoms of chain, and two Portuguese women. With these he put to sea, turned pirate, and attempted to pillage passing merchant vessels, but did not meet with the success which his energy undoubtedly merited, and finally fell a victim to the treachery of his men, who abandoned him while he was on board the bark *Tenney*, extorting provisions. Had he been successful in collecting supplies, it was his intention to go to the Coast of Africa, and bring back a cargo of negroes, which would certainly have literally been "the sum of all villanies"—the very cream and essence of robbery.

There has of late been a good deal of abuse heaped on Yankees by Southern fire-eaters, because of their antipathy to the institution of Slavery, and, above all, their objections to the reopening of the Slave-trade. The Yanceys and Lamars, and various prominent members of "commercial conventions," have, on the contrary, won golden opinions by loud expressions of their devotion not only to the institution as it exists, but to the project of replenishing the Southern labor market by fresh importations from Guinea. But their zeal has so far expended itself simply in talk. Capt. MARTIN furnishes these blusterers with a brilliant and memorable example of the way in which a [illegible] Union serves a cause he does dispute. While Gov. WISE and his compeers are raising to the South above what they will or could do to save it, Capt. MARTIN (whomever he is) goes to work and does something, in a fashion which those gentlemen no doubt admire, but will barely have the pluck to imitate, by stealing a ship from a crowded harbor, shooting a British Consul, kidnapping Portuguese females, committing piracy on the high seas—and all, that he might secure a cargo of negroes and bring them within reach of civilization and the Gospel. How many yards of buncombe would it take to make as much "devotion to the South" as is evinced by this single exploit? Gov. WISE, it is true, says he would like to capture a British steamer with "a long, low, rakish steamer" of his own, but as he has not yet favored the nation with any naval exploit, we are forced very reluctantly to rank him below Capt. MARTIN in the list of filibustering heroes. Say what we will, there is a difference between threats and deeds; and the Governor, we have no doubt, will be the first to recognize it by placing MARTIN on his return in command of his imaginary navy,—but, let us hope, with real pay and rations.

The public will await with anxiety for news of the bark *Tenney*, on board which Capt. MARTIN has been abandoned by his crew. As the Captain is evidently not a man to do things by halves, the fate of this unfortunate vessel is exceedingly problematical.

The Mexican Treaty.

There is one light in which the Mexican question can be viewed, that should commend it to the favorable attention of the whole country. It is, that the treaty just concluded has no *sectional* significance or character. In these times of wild excitement and bitter feeling, when one section of the country is arrayed against the other, and our gallant ship of State is caught between two opposing currents, one of the grandest questions of the day comes up before the American people for solution. Those who say they knew no North, no South, no East, no West, will now have an opportunity to make their patriotism manifest. The word *negro* is not to be found in the treaty, nor can the most ingenious construction of it detect any connection with the Slavery question.

A peculiar combination of circumstances has placed the Mexican nation in the hands of the United States—at the mercy, in fact, of this Republic. There is something novel and startling in all this; but the issue is made, and our decision must be rendered speedily. Shall the sovereignty of the Mexican nation be preserved? Shall the people of Mexico be redeemed from their anarchy, and suffered to exist under habits and laws adapted to the age? Shall Mexico be opened to the United States as a field of enterprise, and that weak and despairing Republic raised up to be our friend and ally? Or shall that fair and rich country, with its 8,000,000 inhabitants, be abandoned, as it has been hitherto, to civil strife, bloodshed and robbery—to the fillibuster and the foreign robber? Shall Mexico be held up in the world's market, a bone of contention for foreign nations, and always used to our own injury and danger? These are the questions that will soon come to the United States Congress for solution; and there is matter in them destined to change the politics of our country. Let those who are at the helm of State look well to the result.

It is useless to attempt to prevent American expansion. The very spirit and genius of our institutions lead to it. We must advance,—and it always has been, and always will be, fatal to any statesman, or to any party, which attempts opposition. But this progress must be made in the right direction, at the right time, and in the right manner. An astonishing change has taken place in the public mind during the past two years respecting the acquisition of territory by purchase or conquest. It is discovered that acquisition of territory at this time would surely weaken the bonds by which our confederacy is bound together. On the other hand, the masses from one end of the country to the other, are beginning to discover that it is safe to Americanize the whole world, through the channels, or by the means of our industry, trade, commerce, friendly intercourse, and enterprise. Leading men are rapidly coming to this position relative to the India lying on our Southern border, and the spirit of the age demands corresponding action. We are sorry to see that the *Tribune* opposes this treaty, because we are satisfied that the best interests of both countries demand its ratification. It will lead to the establishment of a stable, liberal government in Mexico, and to a very great increase in the commercial intercourse of the two nations; and this is all that any wise statesman can, under present circumstances, hope to effect.

Speech by the Vice-President.

We publish this morning an able and important speech by Vice-President BRECKINRIDGE, who stands perhaps a better chance than any other man who can be named, to be the Democratic candidate for the Presidency in the approaching canvass. It is a careful and well-considered exposition of his political views, and is sufficiently explicit upon every prominent point at issue between opposing parties.

Mr. BRECKINRIDGE avows his approval of the repeal of the Missouri Compromise, and his full indorsement of the decision of the Supreme Court, that neither Congress nor the Legislature of any Territory has any right to exclude slave property therefrom,—and that any controversy that may arise concerning such property must be decided by the judicial tribunals. *He does not believe that the people of a* Territory can, by unfriendly legislation, or in any other way, impair this right of property;—while he concedes at the same time that Slavery cannot permanently maintain itself anywhere against the sentiments and wishes of the people. He regards the whole subject as substantially taken out of the control of Congress, although, if existing laws should fail to secure the rights of slaveholders under this decision, he believes additional legislation should be provided.

The Vice-President considers the Union to be in danger,—and he regards the peril which threatens it as due to the position and purposes of the Republican Party. In spite of its disclaimer of all intentions to interfere with the rights of Southern property, he believes that the great mass of that party is rapidly advancing to a position of direct hostility to the peace and the security of the Southern States. The party has already gone far beyond its original Platform, and every step it takes is now towards that open and armed crusade against the South of which BROWN'S invasion of Virginia was an example, and which HELPER'S book, indorsed by Republican members of Congress, inculcates as a duty. Upon these points Mr. BRECKINRIDGE is very forcible and emphatic—quoting largely from Gov. SEWARD'S speech at Rochester, and urging very strongly the evilness of the Republican Party into a much more radical form of Abolitionism than they have hitherto shown. He speaks in a tone of serious gravity of the dangers which menace the Union, and of the feelings of mutual distrust and hatred which pervade the two sections of the country. The remedy for all these evils he sees in the defeat of the Republican Party,—which he hopes may be accomplished by a union of all the conservative elements of all sections,—based upon a preliminary union of the South.

The tone of this speech is well calculated to command attention, and to bring Mr. BRECKINRIDGE still more prominently forward as a Presidential candidate. Its positions embrace substantially all that the South now claims, and will readily command the assent of the great body of the Democrats throughout the Southern States. Whether the Northern wing of the party will think it prudent to enter upon the canvass on such a platform, remains to be seen. According to present appearances, they would find it very difficult to carry a single State upon such issues. The Vice-President's speech affords a very marked contrast in the wild harangue of Gov. WISE, in its temperate tone, as well as in the sanity of its views and recommendations. It does not, in any particular, transcend the legitimate limits of party controversy,—nor does it lend any countenance to the schemes that have been suggested for resisting the popular will if it should declare itself adverse to Southern wishes. Gov. WISE talks like a tipsy captain of militia on general muster-day; every phrase is in the most ultra style of the mock heroic,—and every sentiment evinces the most sublime indifference to the most palpable facts and the most evident logic. The Vice-President, on the contrary, speaks like a statesman who realizes the momentous nature of the peril which he apprehends, and meets it with the grave and serious earnestness which its character requires. As between these two, certainly, the Democracy, either North or South, will not be likely to hesitate very long.

Police Delinquencies.

The gross partiality of some of the Police to rich men, which afforded the murderer MACDONALD an opportunity of visiting the brothels of the City after his arrest, and which enabled Dr. GALLIARDET to escape after his conviction, has enabled Dr. SCHELLING to escape the clutches both of the kingdom of Wurtemberg and of the United States. This worthy was under examination before the United States Commissioner, on a demand for his extradition on a charge of forgery, committed twelve months ago in his native country. An application for his admission to bail, pending the decision, was distinctly refused, and in theory he was in close custody along with other persons in his situation, in Eldridge-street jail. In reality, however, he was just as much at large as if the Commissioner had actually taken bail for his appearance, inasmuch as the Marshal was so impressed by the Doctor's "venerable appearance and highly respectable bearing," that he allowed him to remain in his own house, nominally in custody of one of his deputies. The result was, that before going to bed on Tuesday evening, the prisoner gave his custodian a glass of drugged beer, and then left for parts unknown.

The sum and substance of the matter is, that the Courts in this City have, in reality, no control whatever over prisoners in custody. The law has laid down certain rules as to bail and [illegible] to administer them fairly. They [illegible] when, in their opinion, the gravity of the offence with which he is charged causes them to refuse to admit a prisoner to bail, he is kept like other prisoners in the public prison. But the police set both the Judges and the law at defiance, and act upon a rule of their own. They decide upon a criminal's claim to indulgence, as in this instance, by their own notions of his respectability, which is generally based on money. MACDONALD was allowed to come out of prison, and pass half the night in a house of ill-fame, because he was able to give the policemen who had been in charge a supper. In the same manner GALLIARDET was allowed to pass a day at a dinner-party after his sentence, because the officers in charge were invited to share it. All this goes far to make the rulings of the Courts upon the dispositions of prisoners null and void. In the two last cases, we have the additional mortification of having furnished foreign nations with practical and somewhat ludicrous exemplifications of the mal-administration of our laws. SCHELLING and GALLIARDET, if they should meet on the Boulevards, may enjoy a hearty laugh at our expense. We think it is high time the Courts took the matter into their own hands, and made it a point to ascertain, in every case, how far the legal ordinances touching the disposition of prisoners under bail are carried out by the Police.

A MAN OF PRINCIPLE.—Mr. RICHARD BRALE, who was associated with BROWN and his confederates in framing the new Constitution in Canada, for the United States, has written a letter to the President, declaring his willingness to surrender himself. He says, that when he was an Abolitionist he was ready to die for his convictions; but now having become a Southerner, he is equally ready to die for his new principles. Mr. BRALE is an accommodating gentleman, certainly, but we doubt whether any conviction he is likely to entertain is worth dying for.

A MONUMENT TO J. FENIMORE COOPER.—The Cooperstown *Democrat* states that a monument to Cooper is to be erected in that town at a cost of $2,200. It will be located in the beautiful Lake Wood Cemetery, between Lake Otsego and Mount Vision and Prospect Rock, and near the spot of the "Panther scene." The following is the description given by Messrs. ALFRED CLARKE and G. FOREST KEMP, the gentlemen who have been intrusted with the task of procuring and erecting the monument. It is of white Italian marble, resting on a granite base, six feet square. The present height is twenty-five feet, consisting of base, die, cap, from which rises the shaft, surmounted by a highly ornate Corinthian Capital. The four sides of the die are beautifully sculptured in bold relief—the front side with the name FENIMORE COOPER, surrounded by a wreath; the north side with appropriate naval devices, viz., the anchor, oars, [illegible], cutlass, sword and spy-glass; the south side with Indian emblems; bow and arrows, and quiver, tomahawk with tomahawk attached, tomahawk, and necklace of bear's claws; (these two designs are from DARLEY, as shown in the new edition of COOPER'S works.) On the east side are literary emblems: the books and manuscript, surmounted with the student's lamp just extinguished, the inkstand at the foot, the pen from which has just been seized and borne aloft by an eagle. This last design is by LAWRIE, of New-York, the sculptor of the monument. In the Spring, it is to be surmounted by a statuette of "Leatherstocking," and inclosed with an iron fence.

The Legislature of Vermont has passed a law against billiards, which provides that the Selectmen of the several towns in the State shall, whenever, in their opinion, the public good requires it, forbid any game or play upon any billiard table in their respective towns. The penalty all and for playing upon a table, the use of which is forbidden, is $10 a day.

CITY INTELLIGENCE.

FAREWELL MISSIONARY MEETING.—Quite a large number of gentlemen in the Presbyterian church assembled on Friday evening to take a farewell of Rev. Robert Cunningham, Jr., who is soon to sail as a missionary of the Ariot Action in India. Rev. Robert H. Pomeroy, D.D., presided a session from Psalms xc., 1-3. The people shall be willing in the day of thy power. In the beauties of holiness from the womb of the morning; thou hast the dew of thy youth. The discussion seemed to show that a great number were very anxious to see the Church and the world, and that the prospects of the Church were very many and very bright. Rev. Mr. Cunningham, Rev. Mr. Chamberlain, Rev. Mr. Wyckoff, Rev. Mr. Pomeroy, and other singing the doxology the meeting adjourned.

[illegible]—A Virginia lady, residing in a gentleman in this City the other day, found the hab[illegible] to cut off all the [illegible] with the Abolition [illegible] received two [illegible] of a [illegible] and [illegible] in her address in [illegible]

Fires.

IN GRAND-STREET.

A fire broke out yesterday morning at 7½ o'clock, in the dwelling of Cornelius Warner, in the Bowery. The fire had previously caused a back-draft in the [illegible] which caused it to shoot down, and in fully [illegible] The fire first of the building was occupied by James Weeks, as an intelligence office, and was [illegible] in the house of [illegible] The stock of Mrs. [illegible] was [illegible] by water, to the [illegible] The building belonged to the Trustees of [illegible] Church, and was insured for $2,000. William Jackson, resident in the Bellevue Company.

[illegible]—Yesterday morning, about [illegible] o'clock, a fire occurred in the premises of Jr. A. Ot[illegible] of Rose-alley, on the fourth floor of No. 40 Water-street. The block was damaged to the extent of $[illegible]. It is owned by the Insurance Connection of the City. [illegible] Stores, a Grocery, wholesale dry goods, and there were considerable damages by water, of [illegible] The origin of the fire is not ascertained.

IN CHERRY-STREET.

Three Hundred, residing in the basement of No. 62 Cherry-street, in tenement with an old Irish cur[illegible] yet a Bedford Chesapeake [illegible] on Sunday night and went to sleep. About four o'clock yesterday morning the family were awakened by the smoke coming over and noticing fire in the premises. [illegible] Rev. Mr. Cunningham [illegible] Rev. Mr. Cunningham [illegible] Rev. Mr. Cunningham

DRY GOODS.

A CARD TO LADIES.
BULPIN'S RETIREMENT FROM RETAIL TRADE
HIS ENTIRE STOCK
OF
VALUABLE CLOAKS AND FURS
all to be sold off
WITHIN THE NEXT THIRTY DAYS,
TOTALLY REGARDLESS OF COST!
In consequence of
RETIREMENT FROM THE RETAIL BUSINESS.
The undersigned returns his thanks to the Ladies of New-York and the public generally, for the very liberal patronage he has received for the last ten years, and respectfully announces them that, having made arrangements to form a new firm for the purpose of confining an exclusively wholesale trade,
HIS WELL-KNOWN ESTABLISHMENT,
NO. 561 BROADWAY,
will positively close for retail business on or about
THE 20TH OF JANUARY, 1861,
at which time he will offer to the public the whole of the valuable stock of
NEW AND ELEGANT CLOAKS AND FURS,
at a reduction of from 30 to 40 per cent. from regular prices.
As the entire stock must positively be sold within the period quoted, it is simply deemed necessary to state that so great an opportunity for purchasing really fine goods at very low prices has seldom before occurred, as the reduction in price will, on every article, be real and not imaginary, which fact will be quite apparent on inspection.
NO. 561 BROADWAY,
15th December, 1860.
GEORGE BULPIN.

RICH SILKS,
FOR HOLIDAY PRESENTS,
AT G. M. BODINE'S,
No. 481 Broadway,
will offer, THIS WEEK,
1,000 PIECES RICH SILKS,
Reduced from $1 25
to 75 cents per yard.
Also,
1,000 PIECES EXTRA QUALITY,
Only $1 per yard,
Reduced from $1 75.
Also,
YARD-WIDE RICH SILKS,
$2 and $2 50 per yard,
Reduced from $4.
Observe the name and number.
G. M. BODINE,
No. 481 Broadway.

HEMSTITCHED HANDKERCHIEFS,
FOR HOLIDAY PRESENTS,
At G. M. BODINE'S,
NO. 481 BROADWAY.
1,000 dozen
Fine Hemmed Handkerchiefs,
At $2 25 per dozen,
Worth $4.
Also,
1,000 dozen
Superfine Hemmed Handkerchiefs,
At $3 per dozen,
Worth $6.
G. M. BODINE,
NO. 481 BROADWAY.

RICH DRESS GOODS
FOR HOLIDAY PRESENTS,
AT G. M. BODINE'S.
1,000 Dresses of English Print,
At 10 cents per yard.
Also,
500 PIECES PARIS PRINTED DE LAINES IN NEW DESIGNS,
1,000 PIECES BAYADERE POPLINS,
At 20 cents per yard.
G. M. BODINE,
NO. 481 BROADWAY.

481 BROADWAY,
G. M. BODINE
WILL OFFER, THIS WEEK,
1,000 FRENCH WORKED COLLARS,
AT FIFTY CENTS,
VALUE $1.

691 BROADWAY, Between Amity and 4th sts.
WILKES & MOYNAN,
Have opened for Holiday Presents another lot of EMBROIDERED CAMBRIC SETS,
From $1 50 to $2 50; worth $3 00 and $4 00.
Also, 1,000 Embroidered CAMBRIC COLLARS at 25 c.; worth 4c. 6d.

691 BROADWAY, Between Amity and 4th sts.
WILKES & MOYNAN
Have opened another lot of VALENCIA PLAIDS, at 25 c. per yard.
Also, an immense assortment of LOW PRICED DRESS GOODS, for
HOLIDAY PRESENTS.

691 BROADWAY, Between Amity and 4th sts.
WILKES & MOYNAN
Have opened another lot of FRENCH KID GLOVES, at 5s. per pair.

691 BROADWAY, Between Amity and 4th sts
WILKES & MOYNAN
Are closing out for HOLIDAY PRESENTS their stock of All-Wool De Laines, full chintz colors, at 2s. 6d. and 2s. per yard, worth 4s. and 3s.

691 BROADWAY, Between Amity and 4th sts.
WILKES & MOYNAN
Are closing out their stock of
SILKS
At a great reduction, varying from 50 cents to $1 per yard. These goods are 50 per cent. BELOW IMPORTED PRICES.

691 BROADWAY, Between Amity and 4th sts.
WILKES & MOYNAN
Have opened another lot of HEMSTITCHED CAMBRIC HANDKERCHIEFS, $2 25 per dozen, worth $3 50.
Also, a lot of low-price De Laines, full chintz colors, at 12 cents per yard.

HOLIDAY PRESENTS.
A. T. STEWART & CO. WILL OPEN MONDAY, Dec. 26,
300 Dresses English Prints, Fast Colors,
$1 PER DRESS.
2,000 Dresses New Delaines French Patterns,
$12 PER DRESS.
200 Pieces Plaid and Bayadere English Challies,
25 cents per yard.
200 Pieces all wool Plaids, extra quality and width in every variety of colors and designs,
50, 62, and 75c. per yard.
Also,
200 Pieces 6-4 Paris quality French Merinoes,
50 cents per yard.
500 pieces Plaid and Bayadere Silks, very heavy,
at 62c. per yard.
With a vast variety of other Dress Goods equally cheap

387 RICH RIBBONS, 387
MAGNIFICENT DRESS TRIMMINGS,
Ladies who may be desirous of purchasing Splendid RIBBONS AND TRIMMINGS,
can find at
M. H. LICHTENSTEIN'S, No. 387 Broadway,
a gorgeous HOLIDAY ASSORTMENT, which can be afforded at
EXTRAORDINARY LOW PRICES.
The above stock comprises every variety of the articles named, and offers to the appreciation of
LADY PURCHASERS
a most tasty, varied, and beautiful display, and at more REASONABLE RATES
than any other house in the City.
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DRESS GOODS FOR PRESENTS.
LE BOUTILLIER BROTHERS offer the GREATEST INDUCEMENTS to all buyers of
DE LAINES,
POULE DE CHEVRES,
PLAIDS,
CALICOES,
SILKS,
MERINOES,
OTTOMAN VELOURS, &c.
Having a large assortment, at THE VERY LOWEST PRICES.
NO. 296 CANAL-ST., NEAR BROADWAY.

HOLIDAY GIFTS. HOLIDAY GIFTS.
Received per Steamship Asia, a choice assortment of PARIS EMBROIDERED "GARIBALDI" COLLARS, and COLLARS and CUFFS to match, POINT MONTON, MALTESE, and VALENCIENNES COLLARS and HANDKERCHIEFS, POINT LACE VEILS, COIFFURES and FASHION MEDALLION INSERTION and VALENCIENNES COLLARS SETS, VEIL HANDKERCHIEFS to match. All were pretty and appropriate for
HOLIDAY GIFTS.
BARNEY, LEARNINGTON & LESLIE, No. 633 Broadway.

ELEGANT HOLIDAY PRESENTS.
Extra Canada Hair SHAWLS and SCARFS,
Brussels Point Lace SHAWLS, MANTILLAS, SCARFS, SETS, COLLARS, BRIDAL TROUSSEAUS, &c., &c.
Extra Rich Embroidered Linen Cambric HANDKERCHIEFS in the Point Lace, &c.
Velvet BILLIARDS, entirely new.
Fine Tarlatan and Tulle do. for Evening.
Extra Pompadour SILKS, the first received.
A. T. STEWART & CO.

BRUSSELS LACES AND PARIS EMBROIDERIES,
Just received, per Vanderbilt,
Will be opened on TUESDAY, 27th inst.
Point Sets, Lace Flounces,
Point Capes, Lace Veils,
Point Handkerchiefs, Lace Capes,
Point Berthes, Lace Coiffures,
All of which will be sold at a small advance.
MILLER & GRANT, No. 705 Broadway.

GREAT BARGAINS IN EMBROIDERIES
A. T. STEWART & CO.
1,000 embroidered collars, 25 cents each.
700 embroidered collars, at 37½ cents each.
600 embroidered collars, 50 cents each.
A large lot of
Rich embroidered sets, at $1 75, and upwards.

FOR THE HOLIDAYS.
D. CLARKE, NO. 643 BROADWAY, COR. Bond-st., offers a beautiful assortment of novelties in
DRESS CAPS, ILLUSION CAPES,
HEAD DRESSES, ILLUSION BERTHS,
COIFFURES, BRUSSELS NET SETS,
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REAL THREAD LACE BRIDAL SETS, SCARFS,
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On the succeeding day, January 1, at Newburgh, the estate of the late Mary J. Tillott, will be sold at the Orange Hotel, Newburgh. This property is situated two miles west of Newburgh, and contains one hundred acres of fair land. The buildings are commodious and in excellent order; and the land is well watered, and in a high state of fertility. It is in a highly-cultivated and rapidly-improving section, and is a very desirable country seat.
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FINANCIAL.

METROPOLITAN BANK, NO. 105 BROADWAY—New-York, Dec. 20, 1859.—DIVIDEND.—The Directors of the Metropolitan Bank have this day declared a semi-annual dividend of Three (3) Per Cent., payable after the first Monday of January next.
The Transfer Books are closed. They will be reopened Jan. 4, 1860. BEN. I. SENEY, Cashier.

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Office of the American Gas Light Journal.

THE NEW-YORK CENTRAL RAILROAD COMPANY.—Treasurer's Office, Albany, Dec. 15, 1859.—A final Dividend of the profits in the hands of the Trustees of the late Utica and Schenectady Railroad Company, in full discharge of their trust, amounting to [illegible] and four cents for each Share of the Capital Stock of the Company, as it was held at the time of the consolidation into The New-York Central Railroad Company in 1853, has been declared by such Trustees, payable on and after the 20th day of December inst.
A like final dividend has been declared by the surviving Trustees of the late Syracuse and Utica Railroad Company, amounting to one dollar and fifty cents on each Share of its Capital Stock, payable at the same time and place.
A form of receipt is expected to be used by those who may have received the circular and form issued by the Trustees of said late Companies respectively, and who will expect to receive their Dividends in person. In all cases in which an Executor or Administrator wishes to draw a Dividend standing to the name of a deceased party, it will be necessary to forward the proper Surrogate's certificate before the amount can be paid.
GILBERT L. WILSON,
Treasurer N. Y. Cen. R. Co.

(FORM OF ORDER.)
To the Trustees of the late Utica and Schenectady Railroad Company, (or, Syracuse and Utica Railroad Company, as the case may be.)
Pay to the order of _____ at the office of the Treasurer of the New-York Central Railroad Company, _____ Shares of the Capital Stock of the said Company, which stood in _____ name, on its consolidation, in 1853, into the New-York Central Railroad Company, with all the profits, or payment by the said Trustees thereon the said Stock, is in full settlement and discharge of their trust. Dated _____ 18__.
_____ 18__.

NOTICE TO HOLDERS OF KENTUCKY STATE BONDS.—Whereas, by an Act approved 1st March, 1856, $300,000 of the bonds of the State were issued to the holders of the Lexington and Ohio Railroad Bonds, bearing date 1st January, 1844, and payable upon the presentation and delivery of said bonds in the City of New-York thirty years from the date thereof, but the holders of said bonds reserved the power to return the principal sum of her Commonwealth at any time after the expiration of ten years from the date thereof, at which period will expire on the 1st day of January, 1860. Notice is hereby given that the money will be deposited in the Bank of America, in the City of New-York, ready said bonds on that day, and from and after that day no interest will be paid on said bonds. And whereas, $70,000 of the 6's were issued under note of Feb. 23, 1844, and $30,000 of the 6's under note of Feb. 7th, 1844, has been declared by such Trustees, payable on the 15th June, 1860, with a similar privilege reserved to the Commonwealth of Kentucky, to pay at the end of fifteen years, notice is also hereby given that said bonds will be paid at the Bank of America, New-York, at the end of fifteen years from the date of each bond, and after that day no interest will be paid thereon.
C. F. MOREHEAD,
Governor and Chairman of Commissioners of Sinking Fund of Kentucky.
By Authority, MASON BROWN, Secretary of State.

NEW-YORK SAVINGS BANK, No. 2 Chambers-st., New-York, Dec. 15, 1859.
DIVIDEND.—THE DEPOSITORS ARE HEREBY notified that a SEMI-ANNUAL DIVIDEND, at the rate of FIVE PER CENT. per annum, on all sums over $100, and SIX PER CENT. on all sums of $100 and under, which have been deposited at least three months previous to the First of JANUARY, will be allowed to them, or their legal representatives, payable on and after the 10th of January, further the leave of business at the Bank.
All interest not called for will remain as principal and draw interest from the 1st of January. Bank open daily from 9 A. M. to 2 P. M., and on Thursdays from 5 to 7 o'clock P. M. PETER H. TITUS, President.
C. H. Whitney, Secretary.

NEW-YORK AND ERIE RAILROAD COMPANY.—The holders of the Bonds and Stock of this Company are hereby notified that the time to sign the contract of the reorganization of the Company expires on the 1st January, 1860. Those wishing to become parties to the reorganization should deposit their securities with the undersigned, at the office of the Company, No. 2 Wall-st., New-York, on or before the 1st day of January, 1860.
Parties who do not so deposit their securities will not be bound by the reorganization, and will be left out in the cold.
The undersigned will attend at their office every day, at 10 o'clock A. M., and 2 P. M., for the purpose of receiving the securities of parties who may be entitled to receive the benefit of the reorganization.
New-York, Oct. 7, 1859.
DUDLEY S. GREGORY,
J. H. BANCROFT DAVIES,
Committee.

MARINERS' SAVINGS BANK.—NO. 1 THIRD-st., corner of 4th-st. OPEN DAILY from 9 A. M. to 2 P. M., and on WEDNESDAY and SATURDAY EVENINGS from 4 to 8 o'clock.
Money deposited on or before Jan. 1st will commence bearing interest from that date, at the rate of 6 per cent. on sums of $500 and under, and at 5 per cent. on larger amounts.
THOMAS E. STILLMAN, President.
F. W. Enos, Chas. Miles, } Vice-Presidents.
I. V. Burns, Secretary.

OFFICE OF THE NEW-YORK AND NEW-HAVEN RAILROAD CO., CORNER 4TH-AV. AND 27TH-ST., New-York, Oct. 27, 1859.
NOTICE TO BONDHOLDERS.—THIS COMPANY offers to the holders of its bonds, due Dec. 1, next, one-half cash and the balance in first and only mortgage bonds of the Company, which is to be secured by a satisfactory title to the holders. For particulars inquire at the Treasurer's office.
W. BEMENT, Treasurer.

BROADWAY BANK, New-York, Dec. 17, 1859.
TWENTY-FIFTH DIVIDEND.—A SEMI-ANNUAL Dividend of Five per Cent. on the Capital Stock of this Bank, from the profits of the current six months, will be paid on and after the 3d January ensuing.
The Transfer Books will be closed from the 20th inst. until the reopening of Business.
J. L. EVERITT, Cashier.

ROSE HILL SAVINGS BANK, CORNER 3d-st. of 14th-st. and 8th-av. Open daily from 9 to 5 P. M. On Wednesdays and Saturdays until 7 P. M. All moneys deposited in Jan. on the 10th day of January will draw interest from the 1st.
WM. H. HAVEMEYER, President.
Benjamin H. Ryc, Secretary.

BANK OF SAVINGS, No. 67 BLEECKER-st., October 20, 1859.
NOTICE TO DEPOSITORS.—IN ORDER TO prevent the inconvenience of interest accumulating on the books, the Trustees have ordered the interest hereafter accruing not paid to be added to the principal, bearing compound interest for more than seven years, to need their pass-books for the Book-keeper to enter the same. By direction of the Trustees.
JAMES DE PEYSTER OGDEN, Sec.

OFFICE OF THE DEL. & HUD. CANAL CO., No. 2 WALL-ST., NEW-YORK, Dec. 6, 1859.
THE BOARD OF MANAGERS OF THIS Company have declared a semi-annual Dividend of Five per Cent. on the Capital Stock, payable in cash, free of tax, payable on and after Wednesday, the 21st inst., at the Office of the Company, No. 2 William-st., corner of Exchange-place. The Transfer Books are now closed and will remain closed until the morning of the 19th inst. By order of the Board.
ISAAC N. SEYMOUR, Treasurer.

TREASURER'S OFFICE OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, Springfield, Dec. 13, 1859.
PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, That the Treasurer of the State of Illinois will, on the first day of January, 1860, and from day to day thereafter for thirty days, at the American Exchange Bank, in the City of New-York, pay the interest on the Public Debt of the State of Illinois.
WILLIAM BUTLER, Treasurer.

OFFICE CLEVELAND, COLUMBUS AND CINCINNATI RAILROAD CO., CLEVELAND, O., Dec. 23, 1859.
THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE STOCKHOLDERS of this Company for the election of Directors, will be held at the office of the Company, in Cleveland, O., on WEDNESDAY, Jan. 11, 1860. The transfer books in the cities of New-York and Cleveland will be closed from Jan. 2 to Jan. 11, inclusive.
GEO. A. RUSSELL, Secretary.

OFFICE OF THE ERIE RAILWAY CO., In the City of New-York, Dec. 21, 1859.
DIVIDEND.—A SEMI-ANNUAL DIVIDEND OF Two and one-half (2½) per cent. on the capital stock of the Bank, out of the profits of the current six months, will be paid on and after WEDNESDAY, the 4th day of January next. The transfer books will be closed from this date until the reopening of the Bank.
E. J. CARLEY, Cashier.

DIVIDEND.—CONTINENTAL BANK, NEW-York, Dec. 21, 1859.—A dividend of three and one-half per cent., (3½), on the capital stock of this Bank, out of the profits of the current six months, will be paid to the stockholders on and after WEDNESDAY, the 4th day of January proximo. The transfer books will be closed from this date until the 3d instant to the 5th inclusive.
E. W. TALMAN, Assistant Cashier.

NOTICE.—THE DIVIDEND OF THE INTEREST DUE 1st January, on the Bonds of the State of Iowa, will be paid upon presentation at the office of the undersigned, after the 1st day of January, 1860, at our office, No. 104 Broadway, New-York, Dec. 23, 1859. ATWOOD & CO.

COUPONS ON THE MINNESOTA STATE BONDS, due 1st January next, will be paid at the Bank of the Commonwealth, in New-York, upon presentation of the same on that date.
G. W. ARMSTRONG, State Treasurer.

BANK OF THE COMMONWEALTH, NEW-York, Dec. 20, 1859.—The Board of Directors have this day declared a Dividend of Three and a Half Per Cent., out of the profits of the past six months, payable to stockholders on the 3d day of January next.
GEORGE ELLIS, Cashier.

NOTICE OF FIVE TRUSTEES OF NEW-YORK BALANCE-DOCK COMPANY.—Notice is hereby given, that a meeting of the Trustees will be held at the office of the Company, No. 42 Wall-st., in the City of New-York, between the hours of 12 M. and 1 P. M., on the second Wednesday next. Dated New-York, Dec. 16, 1859.
JAMES R. NICHOLSON, Secretary.

SACRAMENTO VALLEY RAILROAD CO. Interest on the bonds of this Company, due 1st of January, 1860, on $400,000 of the Bonds of that Company, will be paid on presentation of the coupons, on and after the 1st of January, 1860, at the office of the undersigned.
SCHUCHARDT & SCHRADER.

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WILLIAM BUTLER, Treasurer.

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GEO. A. RUSSELL, Secretary.

MERCHANTS' EXCHANGE BANK, In the City of New-York, Dec. 21, 1859.
DIVIDEND.—A SEMI-ANNUAL DIVIDEND OF Two and one-half (2½) per cent. on the capital stock of the Bank, out of the profits of the current six months, will be paid on and after Wednesday, the 4th day of January next. The transfer books will be closed from this date until the 3d instant.
By order,
E. J. CARLEY, Cashier.

DIVIDEND.—CONTINENTAL BANK, NEW-York, Dec. 21, 1859.—A dividend of three and one-half per cent., (3½), on the capital stock of this Bank, out of the profits of the current six months, will be paid to the stockholders on and after WEDNESDAY, the 4th day of January proximo. The transfer books will be closed from this date until the 3d instant to the 5th inclusive.
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GEORGE ELLIS, Cashier.

NOTICE OF FIVE TRUSTEES OF NEW-YORK BALANCE-DOCK COMPANY.—Notice is hereby given, that a meeting of the Trustees will be held at the office of the Company, No. 42 Wall-st., in the City of New-York, between the hours of 12 M. and 1 P. M., on the second Wednesday next. Dated New-York, Dec. 16, 1859.
JAMES R. NICHOLSON, Secretary.

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SCHUCHARDT & SCHRADER.

FINANCIAL.

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DIVIDEND NOTICE.—WILLIAMSBURGH SAVINGS BANK—Corner South 2d and 4th sts., Brooklyn, E. D.—Depositors are hereby notified that a semi-annual dividend, at the rate of six per cent. per annum, on all sums of three dollars and upwards, that shall have been deposited three months on the first day of January next, will be paid to depositors on or after Monday, Jan. 16.
Interest not called for will be passed to the credit of depositors as principal.
Deposits made on or before the 10th day of January will draw interest from the 1st.
The funds of this institution are securely invested in Bonds and Mortgages on Real Estate worth double the amount loaned, and in City, County and State Bonds.
The Bank is open for business daily, (Sundays and Holidays excepted,) from 9 to 2 o'clock P. M.
Notice is also given that hereafter it will be the policy of this Bank to pay interest on sums of over one thousand dollars at a lower rate, by one per cent per Annum, than on sums of one thousand dollars and under.
WILLIAM WALL, President.
George Hazard, } Vice-Presidents.
Saml. Baxter, }
Samuel W. Turnure, Secretary.

CHICAGO, BURLINGTON AND QUINCY RAILROAD COMPANY'S SINKING FUND BONDS.—Agreeably to the provisions of the first mortgage securing said Bonds, proposals will be received by the undersigned at Boston, until noon on Wednesday the 28th day of January next, for the sale and delivery to me, within five days thereafter, of thirty-four (34, or any portion thereof,) of the one thousand dollar Bonds of said Company, payable January 1, 1863, for the Sinking Fund. Chicago, Burlington & Quincy R. R. Co., by EDWARD L. BAKER, Finance Com.
Boston, Dec. 22, 1859.

OFFICE OF THE PANAMA RAILROAD COMPANY, TOPPER BUILDING, No. 63 Wall-st., New-York, Dec. 24, 1859.
DIVIDEND NOTICE.—The Board of Directors of this Company have this day declared a dividend of Six Per Cent. on the Capital Stock of the Company, out of the earnings of the stock, for the six months ending Dec. 31, payable on and after Jan. 3, next, to Stockholders, or their legal representatives, who are such at the closing of the Books on the 30th inst.
The transfer books will be closed from the 20th inst. to the morning of Jan. 4. AUGUSTUS HOFFMAN, Treasurer.

DIVIDEND—PARK FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, No. 327 Broadway, corner of Park-place.—New-York, December, 1859.—The Board of Directors of this Company have declared a semi-annual dividend of ten (10) per cent., payable on and after 3d of January next. The transfer books will be closed from the 20th inst. to the 3d of January, inclusive.
WM. JAFFRAY, Secretary.

DIVIDEND—ATLANTIC BANK, BROOKLYN.—A semi-annual dividend of five per cent. on the capital stock of this Bank has been declared out of the profits for the six months ending the 31st inst., payable on and after the 3d day of January next. The transfer book will be closed until the day of payment.
By order of the Board of Directors.
WM. C. RUSHMORE, Cashier.

BANK OF NEW-YORK.—THE BOARD OF Directors of the Bank of New-York have this day declared a Dividend of Three (3) per Cent. on the Capital Stock of the Bank for the current six months, payable to the Stockholders on and after the 4th day of January. The Transfer Books will be closed from this date until Jan. 4. W. B. MEEKER, Cashier.

INTEREST NOTICE.—THE SEMI-ANNUAL Interest on the bonds of the Joliet and Chicago Railroad Company, due Jan. 1, 1860, will be paid on presentation of the proper coupons, at the office of M. K. JESUP & CO., Bankers, No. 64 Exchange-place, on and after Jan. 3. GEO. BARNET, President.

SAINT NICHOLAS BANK.—NO. 7, WALL-ST., New-York, Dec. 23, 1859.—The annual election of fifteen Directors for this Bank, and of three Inspectors for the ensuing election, will be held on TUESDAY, the 10th of January next, at the Banking-house, No. 7 Wall-st., between the hours of 1 P. M. A. PARKHURST, Cashier.

ALL KINDS OF STOCKS, BONDS, &c., bought and sold at Brokers' Board, or private sale, by THOMAS DENNY & CO., No. 39 Wall-st.

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RAILROADS.

NEW-YORK AND HARLEM RAILROAD.
WINTER ARRANGEMENT—FARE 62 TO ALBANY.
On and after Thursday, Dec. 15, 1859, trains will leave 26th-st. Station, New-York, as follows:
For Williams' Bridge—6:30 and 11 A. M.; 2:30 and 5:30 P. M.
For White Plains—11:30 and 5 P. M.
For White Plains—6:15 P. M., from depot corner White and Centre sts.
For Croton Falls—4 P. M., from 26th-st.
For Millerton—5 P. M., from 26th-st.
For Dover Plains—11:30 A. M., from 26th-st. Mail train.
All Express trains connect with the New-York Central Railroad.
Williams' Bridge—7:45 and 8:30 A. M.; and 3:40 P. M.
White Plains—7:45 A. M.; 1:45 and 6 P. M.
Croton Falls—8:15 A. M.; 2:45 P. M.
Dover Plains—8:15 A. M.; 2:45 P. M.

CENTRAL RAILROAD OF NEW-JERSEY, Jersey City Ferry, foot of Liberty-st., with the Delaware, Lackawanna and Western Railroad, and connecting with the Lehigh Valley Railroad.
WINTER ARRANGEMENTS—Commencing Dec. 19, 1859.—Leave New-York for Easton and intermediate places, from foot of Cortlandt-st., at 6 A. M., 12 M., and 4:10 P. M. For Somerville, by the above trains, at 5:30 P. M. From Pier No. 2, North River, at 7:30 and 11:30 A. M., and 3:30 P. M., for Easton and intermediate stations. For Somerville, by the above trains, at 4:30 P. M.
The 12 M. train from foot of Cortlandt-st., and the 11:30 A. M. train from Pier No. 2, North River, make a close connection at Easton with the Lehigh Valley Railroad, and thence, via East Pennsylvania Railroad, to Reading, without change of cars, and connects at Reading direct for Pottsville and Harrisburgh.
Passengers for the Delaware, Lackawanna and Western Railroad will leave New-York, from foot of Cortlandt-st., at 6 A. M., or at 7:30 from Pier No. 2, North River. For Lehigh Valley Railroad, at 8 A. M. and 12 M. from foot of Cortlandt-st., or from Pier No. 2, North River, at 7:30 and 11:30 A. M.
JOHN G. STERNS, Superintendent.

OFFICE CENTRAL RAILROAD CO. OF NEW-JERSEY, New-York, Dec. 19, 1859.
ON AND AFTER MONDAY, DEC. 19, THE passenger trains of the Central Railroad Company of New-Jersey will be run to and from Jersey City and New-York without change of cars. Connections by the Elizabethport Ferry will also be kept up.
JOHN T. JOHNSTON, President.

NEW-YORK TO NEW-HAVEN, HARTFORD, SPRINGFIELD, NORTHAMPTON, AND TOWNS ON THE LINE OF VERMONT RAILROADS.—Fare to New-Haven, $1.
The ELM CITY, Capt. LEWIS, will leave Pier No. 18, East River, on TUESDAY, THURSDAY and SATURDAY, at 5 P. M. The CITY OF HARTFORD, Capt. Sumner, will leave on MONDAY, WEDNESDAY and FRIDAY, at 3 P. M. Returning, leave New-Haven every alternate nights, (except Sunday,) at 11 P. M. No charge for Berths. THE TRAVELER, Capt. Gowns, will leave at 4 P. M. on MONDAY, WEDNESDAY and FRIDAY. Passengers for the Railroads can remain on board over night without charge.
Merchandise forwarded to Vermont, Western New-Hampshire, Northern New-York and Canada. Apply to FRANCIS HYDE, General Agent New-York, Ogdensburgh and Montreal Railroad Transportation Line, Pier No. 38, East River, New-York.

NEW-YORK AND ERIE RAILROAD.—Passenger trains leave pier foot of Duane-st. as follows, viz.: Dunkirk Express, at 7 A. M. for Dunkirk, Buffalo, Canandaigua, and principal intermediate stations. Way Passenger, at 3½ P. M., for Newburgh, Port Jervis, and intermediate stations. Night Express, at 6½ P. M., for Dunkirk, Buffalo, Canandaigua, and principal stations. The Express trains connect at Elmira with the Canandaigua and Niagara Falls Railroad; at Binghamton, with the Syracuse Railroad; at Corning, with the Buffalo and New-York Railroad; for Rochester and Buffalo; at Great Bend, with the Railroad for Scranton; and at Buffalo and Dunkirk, with the Lake Shore Railroad for Cleveland, Cincinnati, Toledo, Detroit, Chicago, &c., and the Canada Railroads.
C. MINOT, General Superintendent.
N. Marsh, Receiver.

NEW-YORK AND FLUSHING RAILROAD CO.—Leave Fulton Market-slip for FLUSHING, per steamer MATTANO, at 9 A. M., 1 P. M., 4 P. M., and 6 P. M., connecting with cars at Hunter's Point. Returning, leave Flushing at 6:20, 8 and 10 A. M., and 2 and 5 P. M. Extra trains leave Hunter's Point for Flushing at 7:15 and 11:15 A. M., returning, leave Flushing at 1 P. M.; passengers by this train will cross the Ath-st. Ferry. Fare 15 cents. Fare from Fulton Market-slip, 25 cents. All above trains stop at the way stations. Calvary Cemetery, Winfield, Newtown and West Flushing. On Sundays cars leave Hunter's Point for Flushing and all way stations at 9:30, 11, 4, and 5 o'clock; returning, leave Flushing at 6:30, 10, 3 and 4:30 o'clock. Excursion tickets for the trip, 25 cents.

HUDSON RIVER RAILROAD.—FROM DEC. 19, 1859. Trains will leave Chambers-st. Station as follows: Express Trains, 9 and 11 A. M., and 4:30 P. M., for Sing Sing, 5:45 and 6:40 P. M.; for Poughkeepsie, 7:30 A. M., and 10:30 and 3:30 P. M.; for Peekskill, 6:15 P. M. Montreal and Buffalo Passenger Train (with sleeping cars) leaves 31st-st. daily, at 9:30 P. M. The Poughkeepsie, Peekskill and Sing Sing Trains stop at most of the way stations. Passengers taken at Chambers, Canal, Christopher and 31st-sts. Trains for New-York leave Troy at 6:15 and 10:45 A. M., and 4 and 6 P. M., and Albany about 15 minutes later. On Sunday at 8:15 P. M. A. F. SMITH, Superintendent.

NEW-JERSEY RAILROAD—FOR PHILADELPHIA AND THE SOUTH AND WEST FROM JERSEY CITY.—Mail and Express Line, leaves New-York at 7, 9 and 11 A. M., and 4 and 6 P. M. Fare $2. New-Jersey Accommodation, 12 M., fare $1 75. Tickets for the Cincinnati and West, and for Baltimore, Washington, Norfolk, &c., and through baggage checked to Washington in 1 A. M. and 5 P. M.
F. W. WOODRUFF, Assistant Superintendent.

[illegible] RAILROAD.—TRAINS LEAVE [illegible] for Greenport at 10 A. M.; Yaphank, 10 A. M. [illegible] at 3:30 P. M.; North Islip at 10 A. M. [illegible] Greenport at 10 A. M. and 3:30 P. M.; [illegible] 10 A. M., 1 P. M. and 5 P. M. for Jamaica at 10 A. M. and 3:30 P. M.

STATIONERY.

ACCOUNT BOOKS, DIARIES FOR 1860, [illegible] and stationery at wholesale. [illegible] FRANCIS & LOUDERBACK, [illegible] 49 Maiden-lane.

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On THURSDAY, 5th January at 2 P. M., the North Atlantic Steamship Company will dispatch, the splendid steamship
BALTIC,
A. G. Gray, Commander, for Aspinwall direct, and will connect, via Panama Railroad, with the Pacific Mail Steamship Company's steamer
SONORA,
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A Word or Two to those who are thinking, and a bit of Advice.

[Correspondence of the New-York Times.]

SAN FRANCISCO, Monday, Dec. 5, 1859.

[illegible] in the height of Winter, but I have scarcely [illegible] this week,—the depth of the rainy season. [illegible] day in June has not a cleaner, [illegible] than I did on landing [illegible] I have carried it ever since, [illegible] very strongly impressed that it must be of [illegible] the rainy season. But it has been a hard [illegible] and never once of service. The raining is [illegible] at night, the days are deliciously clear and [illegible]. And while on this subject, I was struck [illegible] of the Pacific University, [illegible] and original boats, [illegible] the weather is such that subjects for [illegible] to kept and worked the year round; [illegible] that the San Francisceans are, more than [illegible] people, in the habit of breaking their bones [illegible] with expectations that encourage the [illegible]. The Medical Society might to set its face [illegible] any hope from the prevailing style of travel[illegible] rides on horseback, and rides as if the [illegible]. The little pony, with his [illegible] enough, is always [illegible] run [illegible] you have no warning of his pony's approach, or the carriage's coming, till they are curveting about to avoid running you down. It is a very rapid town.

[illegible] queerest, oddest town to look at, and most curiously variegated that a man can conceive who is quite sober. Telegraph Hill is a very respectable mountain near the northern point, yet cottages strug[illegible] up by steep sides to its crest,—cottages which, when they are not built, are buried alive in running sand, only the windows and the doors maintaining a clear look-out. Roses and geraniums, fuschias, and the old friends that are familiar in Northern hot-houses, are in bloom in all the gardens and door-yards. The range of hills that run through the city parallel to the ocean beach is green with the new shoots of grass just springing. Indeed, wherever there is dirt enough for a seed to hide itself in, there is vegetation. I see grass growing in the crevices of the things that are in service, in the dents of the unshelbarrel Hoffmany engine around the corner, and on the wooden roofs of the older houses. The seedsmen expect before their doors not the seeds of grasses and grains, but the growing grains themselves. From the overcoats that all men wear, you would fancy yourself in some Northern town, but from the character of the buildings and shrubbery, the guess would be more probable that you were close down upon the Tropics. The crowd and the shop windows of Montgomery street make you forget that you are not in Broadway. About the wharves, you feel yourself in some down-east Yankee port. In Jackson street you are in the heart of the Celestial Empire; in certain of the valleys you feel as if you wandered in some strange old Spanish quarter.

When I remember that some fifteen hundred people are leaving New-York for California every fortnight, and moreover reflect that the novelties of the country drive out of the heads of the newly-arrived all [illegible] of the way they got here in two days after arrival, so that the story is seldom told, I suspect I can write nothing more generally acceptable to you readers than to report

HOW WE GET TO CALIFORNIA.

Those who have tried the overland route, report it a jolly way to meet adventures, but death on women and children. We took the old-fashioned route. Left New-York on Saturday, Nov. 5, by the *Baltic*, having some eleven hundred souls on board. In the Lower Bay we ran close along side the opposition steamer. Cheers were exchanged, the ships took different channels to get round Sandy Hook, and soon after lost sight of each other for the voyage. Before dinner on Sunday each passenger presented himself before the Purser, and exchanged his ticket for one on which was designated his seat at the table. The order of the sitting is, first, the second-cabin passengers, then the children and nurses, then the first-cabin passengers. All these eat in the same dining-room, but the first and second tables are hurried up, and served at a speed that would endanger digestion on shore. The last table takes it as quietly, and is as well-furnished, supplied and attended as at almost any first-class hotel. When second-cabin passengers are told, before starting, that they get just as good fare as those in the first cabin, there is a slight mistake made. Still it is good enough, sufficiently varied, and, for a man of long reaching arms and sharp-witted, abundant. Modest women don't succeed as well, until they have been educated into it.

A great many very worthy people discovered, after they got on board, that the sleeping arrangements in the second cabin very essentially differed from those of the first. In the latter nothing was left to be sensibly desired. In the former it is terrifically hot as you approach the tropics, badly ventilated, almost of necessity, and rather dark. The steerage consume their salt beef, boiled potatoes, hard bread and coffee, standing, and after the first night or two, mitigate the inconveniences of their sleeping arrangements by transferring their blankets to the hurricane-deck. The fare they pay for their three weeks' board and lodging gives to the company, after the railroad charges and San Francisco taxes have been paid, about eight dollars, for which it is hardly fair to look for princely feasting or Aldermanic dinners.

The sea-sickness that passengers dread so much in advance is a good deal of a humbug. Fortunately for us, the *Baltic* took a storm crossing the Gulf-stream on the first Monday out. That day the tables were deserted; the cry below was perpetually for gruel and the tin dishes. The ancient salts climbed along the guards, hanging by whatever would hold—the rest surrendered to unutterable (excepting at brief intervals) nausea, and rendered up their accounts. Deep settle into deep, and the noise of spouting resounded on every side. The children kept their berths, suffering mostly from hunger. Men buttoned their overcoats to their chins, perched themselves on chairs by the bulwarks, rejoiced in the heavy rain and dashing spray, and promptly responded to the whoop of the Gulf for more. Such women as staggered out from their staterooms, when the ports—closed a little too late—had in many cases permitted a sea or two to be shipped, lay scattered along the guards, and generally had courage to slide down to the ship's side when the crisis came. By the way, is there in all human experience a more pleasing sensation than when the shaving is just over, and the cold sweat breaks out? The day, by the best chronometer, was three weeks long, and meanwhile the attention of life was prodigious.

Tuesday morning the sun was out gloriously, the wicked Gulf leagues astern. Each passenger, as he tied his cravat, had one parting qualm, and then those whose seats at table facilitated an easy escape on an emergency, walked humbly in to break fast; after which time none but those who would sicken at a tempest in a teapot were sick any more, to the end. The Gulf did the business. The universal appetite rose up like a giant, and haggled at nothing that mortal would admit to be eatable.

The weather had wonderfully moderated too. We had caught at November into June. Overcoats and shawls were packed away, not to come out again until within three day's steaming of San Francisco. Perhaps once a day we sight a ship in the offing; as we raise one after another of the Bahamas, Wat Tyre's Crooked and Long Island, a few gulls swallow lazily that there is other life than we carry extant. The eastern end of Cuba, green even on the steep sides of its precipices and on its slopes with tall grass, and of a deeper green in its valleys, is the refreshment of the fifth day out. We pass the south-western point of Hayti at dusk, and a little later a great guano rock is abreast us on the left. Alternate showers and sunshine—the tradewinds tempering the heat and the brief nights do not abate—make the time all too short before we enter the Caribbean Sea [illegible] diminished ballasting of coal permits a little more pinching than the ladies deem agreeable.

With a new paragraph, let me talk of what passes [illegible] to make an unmitigated bore—to wit, the baggage. The Panama Railroad Company sends over an agent every trip, who weighs the baggage before getting into Aspinwall, takes the ten cents a pound for all that each man's traps weigh over fifty pounds, checks the whole, and surrenders it when [illegible] on the Pacific side. Now, if one can get into a compartment all that he needs to touch between New-York and San Francisco, and has taken the precaution to have also an empty "dirty-clothes bag" into his state-room, he need suffer but one seizure of his stuff's account on each ocean. This is scarcely possible, however, if he have ladies and children in his company. It is no easy matter to provide against the [illegible] of bottom damage and a New-York Winter bath, by the contents of every small compartment. Let each passenger, however, receive his supply of baggage, but remember to peek into one trunk, if possible, all that he can possibly need for his family on the trip. To get at that one out will be weak enough. The baggage-room is open in theory every day at 11 o'clock. If it is rough, it cannot be done, however. The [illegible] of the baggage-room stowed closely into the hold, and each man practically at the bottom of all, it may be roughly guessed that even when it is open, one may hunt for three hours and do a pretty good day's work without finding it. For a fee, the porter will undertake to fish it out; but unless the desired piece is very minutely described, he may be three days about it, and get the wrong one at last. But the day [illegible] in the hold, and the owner must stand by to hauls up his own and that of all the widows who rely on him for aid, drag it to the beam and take his chance. Then for three days following he will see it no more, happier yet if he can carry them all in his pocket until the day of reaching San Francisco. These baggage hunts at the best provoke a great deal of bad temper and some swearing. It is high praise of Mr. Monroe to say, as we can truly, that, though he is the most run after, and teased and annoyed of all men on shipboard, he answers the ten thousandth question as courteously as the first, and spares no pains to make the nuisance as tolerable as possible. Let me repeat this advice about baggage for the use of your 20,000 readers who may need it before the year is out. Take clothes enough in a carpet bag to serve for three or four days. Take an old mail-bag, or what nearest resembles it, empty, on board, to stuff soiled linen and overclothes in. Into a single trunk, besides, put all that can possibly be demanded, before entering the Golden Gate. Let all the trunks be tough as sole-leather, and strong as iron, and, moreover, each one canvas-covered. Loose straps are stolen, every inch of them, and cheap trunks stand no chance. At Aspinwall the negroes slide them from the ship's deck to the wharf at a rate that shames lightning, and must make a trunk-maker's heart exceeding happy; at the end five years' knocking about on railroads and steamboats are not such a trial to them as one day's handling by a Jamaica negro.

At 2 o'clock Sunday morning (7½ days out of New-York) the gun announced the *Baltic* alongside of her wharf at Aspinwall. It was a moonlit, misty morning. Emerging from the steamer was like taking a vapor bath. The ground was spongy and soaked—the roofs dripped dew. The Company's grounds, through which you pass from the wharf to the town, are planted with cocoanuts, bananas, date palms and the papan tree—so that you feel at once that the land which rolls so curiously under your swaggering tread is a tropical country. The street is lighted with torches, behind each one of which a half-naked negress sits, ready to sell you fruit, guava jelly or sweet cake. The steerage pitch into the green oranges, the bananas and the gingerbread, as if they feared the scurvy if they longer abstained. But the heavy dews, the strange scenery and the warnings of old travelers frighten you out of too abundant an appropriation of fruit at first. As day breaks—it is a broken Sabbath, anyhow—the stores are all opened, the bells of all the restaurants (or hotels they are called by courtesy,) ring perpetually, a stout negro crying "Here, gentlemen's, your nice breakfast, only 5 dimes, and every man has three eggs." But the five-dime breakfasts dont look tempting, and the dollar chances are anything but inviting. Indeed, Capt. GERY, on finding that the trains wont start for Panama till after 9 o'clock, orders a collation on board, and saves the necessity of taking any risks at the hotels. You hire a negro for "two and a-half dimes" to carry your carpet bags to the railroad dépôt, and then start out to see the town. It is the oddest mixture yet of Yankee enterprise, West India shrewdness and Isthmus shiftlessness. The trades-people, who make such a bustle with their wares, their bottles of claret, their "ladies' delight," *alias* palm-leaf fans, are mostly Jamaica negroes, sharp for a bargain, witty, and full of merriment. They gabble in an unknown tongue together, but many of them talk English like a book. The natives lazily look on and worry nobody to trade with them. The young children toddle about stark naked, or go dressed up only in a hat. The women are cleanly in appearance, but even less clothed about the bust than a belle at a ball at home. The roofs of the shanties, the dead trees in the marshes, the patches about the doors where the offal is thrown, are dark with turkey buzzards, which show no more alarm at the crowd of strangers than would so many poultry. As the hour for the departure of the trains approaches, the main street is all alive with passengers, and the clanger of the fruit-sellers makes almost a bedlam. Three several trains take out the passengers, and no distinction is made of steerage or cabin. The greatest rush is to the first train, but they who wait till the last one find ample room and abundant accommodation. The cars are light and airy, built to admit every breath of air, and only to shut out the sun and rain.

I had heard a good deal of the terrible heat of this ride, and had prepared to be well used up at its end; for which reason I was much disappointed. We accomplished it in three hours, and would have been better pleased if it had taken six. It was certainly very hot, but there was no dust, and the novelty of every rod of the way,—the rank vegetation, the trees all new to a Northern eye, the gorgeous flowers, the parasitic vines climbing to every tall trunk, and dropping from every horizontal branch to the ground, the birds of enormous size and richest plumage, the mammoth forms of plants that are dwarfs at the North, making one feel as if he were whirling and twisting (for the way is marvellously crooked) through a Brobdignagian land, unite to make it a most entertaining ride. Wherever we stopped to wood up, there was a rush out of negroes and natives with fruit to sell, claret yclept vinegar, lime-juice and ice-water. It rained every other minute, and each alternate minute the sun blazed out. We were in Panama a little after noon, and, those who wished, had time to ride up and see this ancient adobe town, whose narrow streets, between high houses that shut out the sun, were refreshingly cool. A barge lay at the wharf to receive the thousand passengers, which was towed out to meet the *Sonora* so soon as the tide rose high enough to float it out of the mud. Ladies who preferred to be boated out at once sat down in chairs extemporized by two negroes joining hands underneath them, put an arm around each of the stalwart fellows' necks, and were carried through the shoal water to their boats. But being early on board of the *Sonora* was of no particular service. First come were not first served. The impression that the number of the ticket bought in New-York secured a choice of rooms on the Pacific side was erroneous. Happy indeed was he who got any room at all. The newly-married need not growl because they were separated; if there was not a strange gentleman in the room with the ladies, there was cause for extra thanksgiving. The seats in the dining-room were all numbered, and some who had choice rooms on the Atlantic side learned to be happy if for this stretching piece in the dining-room there were not two claimants. The *Sonora* is the smallest of the Company's boats, and very fond of rolling where there is the slightest swell to excuse it, but a beautiful sea-boat, and safe as the staunchest. We steamed out of the Bay of Panama Monday morning, heading south, and the weather growing hotter apparently, even when after many days of westing we began to creep slowly to northward. Indeed, it was not till we had passed Acapulco that the thermometer let up on us in the slightest. For the most part, the Pacific was as still as a mill-pond, only off the Gulf of Tehuantepec we got a bit of storm that sent the crockery smashing down to leeward, and so heeled the *Sonora* that for hours only one wheel did the paddling. "Step over to the other side, gentlemen; trim boat, if you please," was perpetually the request of the mate, even when there was no swell, and the baggage had all gone below. If a shaggy-haired man brushed his hair a little more than usual to one side, over the *Sonora* would flop. She is a little the crankest craft of her size now extant.

The Pacific part of the trip is much more fruitful in "events" than the other. The course lies directly up the coast—sometimes so near that you may guess the condition of the ranches along shore. The Cordilleras are seldom out of sight for more than 12 hours, until the "Coast Range" relieve their guard. Not a sail we saw at sea during this fortnight, but gulls followed our wake in great numbers, diving for banana-peels and crusts of bread that passengers fed to them. Shoals of porpoises frequently crossed our path, and when once through the mouth of the old Vermillion Sea, humpbacked whales indulged us with much spouting. The bald, unclad mountains, without a tint or spire of verdure on them, clung to our starboard side almost as faithfully as Orion. The volcano of Colima was a whole day in sight. Except for new headlands, each seeming more barren than the last, and new promontories thrusting their peaks into the clouds, and looking as if they were too lately lifted from their infernal birth-place for the sulphur to be yet washed from their sides, one day was the pattern of the whole. The first gong at 6 o'clock, for the first breakfast. As the long days fell astern, fewer and fewer got in to the first meal, and each who did get in went out loaded with breakfasts for those who overslept. Thence till noon all crowded the guards and the hurricane decks at their reading, their card-playing or their loafing. At noon lunch, and, following the children's and second cabin's meals. The bulletin posted soon after noon always brought out the maps. Till dinner, at 4½, they who had glasses scanned the coasts or dragged through weary novels. After dinner, the suppers, and then a general promenade, the everlasting cards, singing—sacred and profane—and to bed.

The third Sunday out found us locked in the harbor of Acapulco, hemmed in by mountains. The [illegible] of the men who backed the casks of coal on board from the barge alongside, and the line of scores of Mexicans in their canoes, coaxing, each more earnestly than the other, to buy their fruit, waked such as had slept past the two gun's firing. Each canoe was lighted by a burning bundle of candle wood. When you saw the fruit that suited you, the native threw up a line. Pull it up and with it the basket. Deposit your gold and lower away. The yellow merchant fills the basket at your order as he understands it, puts in the wrong change in Mexican money, and up you pull it. You reject his bad change and half his invoice, scold him and insist on being righted. Patience and perseverance are rewarded at last, and the fruit is delicious. A better way is to take one of the pretty omnibus boats on the other side of the ship, out of which the oarsmen are clamoring for you almost as deafeningly as cabmen at your steamboat landings. For half a dollar you are set on shore, where, by torchlight squat in the sand, sit whole families noiselessly awaiting your coming. For 50 cents you get a bunch of bananas worth $3 00 in Fulton Market. Oranges, of delicious sweetness, go three for a dime, sugar—"ver" sweet sugar,—good—ver "good," 2 cakes a dime, and unnamed, by Yankees—untasted products of unknown plants, more than you can carry, for a quarter. Happy here is the man who has a spill of dimes in his pocket. They can seldom change dollars, and two dimes are a quarter to the seller. For another half-dollar you are rowed back to the steamer. As daylight dawns, a new entertainment begins. The merchants of the canoes douse their torches, and strip to the skin. They take to the water and cry out "Me ketches dime," and for each dime thrown into the sea, a dozen swarthy Christians dive to the bottom. The successful one comes up with it in his teeth, and the more agile have both cheeks distended with their earnings before the gun announces that the steamer is off again.

Out of the harbor we have service on board, there being no lack of clergymen in the cabin—Rev. Mr. GOODWIN of Newark, N. J., (Episcopal,) going to California for his health; Rev. Mr. KOZNIE (Episcopal,) going up to assume a Chaplaincy in Washington Territory; Rev. Mr. GOBLE, bound a missionary to Japan; Revs. Fathers FOUQUET and GRANDMIRE, of the Oblats of Mary Immaculate, missionaries to Vancouver's Island,—beside Rev. J. J. HECK, (Moravian,) bound with his wife, to Bluewfields, whom we left at Aspinwall.

I should not forget to mention a curious phenomenon witnessed as we entered the Gulf of Tehuantepec, at twilight. For many preceding nights our wake had been one long streak of phosphorescent light—a sight which you who cross the ferries to Brooklyn not infrequently notice. But this night the sea, as far as the eye could reach, was of a milky color. It took several hours to pass out of it into blue water. Capt. EARY charged it to an extraordinary abundance of whale food, but confessed that he had never seen anything of the sort before, except in narrow streaks. A bucket-full lifted to the deck showed no unusual appearances. But in a tumbler, and under a magnifier, it was full of wriggling animalculæ.

Thursday was Thanksgiving Day. It was celebrated with turkeys and chicken pot-pies. The milch cow had yielded her last meagre supply the day before. But on that night the ice gave out. The water was always blood-warm, and without ice almost undrinkable. On the Atlantic, ice-water was free. On the Pacific there is always a charge of 25 cents a pound for it. It fell short seasonably, for next morning thick clothing and overcoats were in demand again.

Horrible rumors always prevail on shipboard. To-day somebody has the small-pox, to-morrow the scarlet fever is reported rife. Then there are whispers that the steerage is dying of the Panama fever. After a week or two they learn to be skeptical, and are quiet in the reflection that where there is no newspaper it is of no use to believe anything. We had very little sickness on board, and but one death. Once, at midnight, the engine was stopped for a minute, there was a plash behind the wheel-house—a steerage passenger had been buried—and the wheels revolved again. One evening the children were sadly shocked; a bright little girl, playing with them on the hurricane-deck, fell through the hatchway to the cabin floor, and broke her leg. Otherwise there were no mishaps, though trouble enough, bred of course by your infamous ticket swindlers; but that is an old story.

On the fourth Sunday morning the *Sonora* sailed through the Golden Gate, and rounded to at her wharf in San Francisco. The cabmen ran a muck for passengers, but the wiser of these sat down quietly on their baggage for an hour, waiting for the crowd to thin out. Then we made an easy bargain to be transported, three of us and all our traps, to the Oriental for $2! They would have charged $3 in New-York.

New comers were treated to a pretty programme that night—one rousing fire and two earthquakes. As most of them did not notice these last, which are the boast of the country, on Wednesday night there was another and a stouter earthquake. My next neighbor thought it was a trunk thrown against his door, but nobody was hurt, and it greatly mortified me that it was not even suspected, until the morning papers announced it, by GLAUCUS.

FURTHER FROM OREGON.

Democratic State Convention—Lane Triumphant—Delazon Smith's New Paper, &c.

Correspondence of the New-York Times.

OREGON CITY, Friday, Nov. 25, 1859.

Our double-headed Democracy have been amusing outsiders and weakening themselves, by holding a State Convention, the avowed object being the election of Delegates to the Charleston Convention, though the real purpose was to concentrate all political power in the hands of the Jo. Lane faction. In this last scheme they succeeded so well that delegates from eight out of seventeen counties represented, withdrew from the Convention, leaving the balance to worship as submissively as they desired the god of their idolatry. Accordingly they instructed their delegates to vote for Gen. LANE at Charleston, and to make sure that their instructions were obeyed, elected LANE himself as one of the delegates, with STOUT, the Representative in Congress; DEADY, United States District Judge; ADAIR, Collector at Astoria; MILLER, an Indian Agent; and a man by the name of LAMBRIER, who is an especial toady of Gen. LANE. If Illinois sends DOUGLAS, Virginia, WISE and HUNTER, and other States their particular favorites, the scene at the Convention will be a novel one. I hope, however, for the credit of the Federal Judiciary, that Oregon is the only State that will furnish a Judge as a member of a political caucus. DEADY is now absent at the East, and if he stays until after May, his office might as well be vacant, for all the good it does to the people.

If LANE should accidentally get the nomination, his party may be assured that he cannot get the vote of Oregon, for at least one-third of the party will never support him again for any position. The disaffected say they are willing to vote even for HAYES, or any Conservative Republican, if such a man is nominated by the Opposition, otherwise they will throw away their strength, so that the vote of the State shall not be counted for LANE. Their feeling towards him is exceedingly bitter, and originates from numerous causes, some being personal, and others political, but I believe that each faction would prefer, and indirectly promote, the success of the Republican Party, rather than that of the other wing. Ex-Senator DELAZON SMITH has commenced the publication of his new paper, which is most rabid and furious in the defence of its editor. His course, instead of conciliating and harmonizing, will only widen the breach that now exists, and also wind up forever his political career. His exit, however, will be no loss to any party except the one to which he is opposed, because he makes so many foolish blunders that he causes more mischief in his own ranks than anywhere else.

Business in Oregon is exceedingly dull in all departments. Nothing is exported this year except fruit, and its price is less by one-half than it was a year ago, so that the hopes of the apple-raisers are heavily dashed. OMEGA.

From Minnesota.

ELECTION OF A UNITED STATES SENATOR—THREATENED IMPEACHMENT OF THE LIEUTENANT-GOVERNOR.

Correspondence of the New-York Times.

ST. PAUL, MIN., Dec. 15, 1859.

Both Houses of the Legislature met in convention to-day, at 12 o'clock M., for the purpose of choosing a United States Senator. MORTON S. WILKINSON was elected upon the first vote.

Whole number of votes cast	113
Necessary for a choice	57
M. S. WILKINSON, (Rep.)	70
Gen. JAMES SHIELDS, (Dem.)	33
Gov. W. A. GORMAN, (Dem.)	1

The Republicans have had considerable difficulty in harmonizing and uniting upon one man.

They finally agreed to go into caucus, and after two nights' sessions, (sitting very late,) they nominated Mr. WILKINSON, of Mankato.

I hear that the result was quite unexpected, and to many Republicans quite unsatisfactory.

WILKINSON is a lawyer by profession.

He practiced for some time in this city, and attained a fair position. Having political aspirations, and being defeated in this county for the State Senate, he removed to Houston County. While there he was a candidate for Congress, but was defeated. He then moved to Mankato, Blue Earth County, and was a candidate before the convention for the nomination to Congress, but was defeated. He is now elected to the United States Senate for the term of six years from the 4th of last March.

The Senate got to wrangling a few evenings since, and remained in session until the next morning at 6 o'clock.

A resolution was introduced in the House next day to impeach the Lieut.-Governor, as President of the Senate, for his unparliamentary ruling. It was referred to the Committee on Judiciary. C.

A MERRY CHRISTMAS.

The City Enjoys its Holiday.

Those of the present generation who live for another week of years, or year of Sundays, if they will only bear in mind the precedent which yesterday furnished them, will not need to write to editors of newspapers to obtain leave to keep Monday as a holiday when Christmas recurs on Sunday. Confectioneries and toy shops, butcher shops, and in short all places where money is likely to be spent more freely during the holidays than at any other period of the year were open for a part of the day, at least, very much to the disgust of clerks and employes. The Banks kept open doors to allow notes which fell due to be taken up, but as the tellers have charge of this department, they only were obliged to be in attendance, while the clerks were at full liberty. The notary of each institution was of course in attendance to receive the benefit of notes which were allowed to go to protest. The working classes, who have very few holidays at best, could appropriate yesterday to their own enjoyment, without any conscientious twinges at the thought that they were abstracting the eighth part of a barrel of flour from the family stores, in the shape of a dollar or a dollar and a quarter. They made the most of the opportunity and thronged the streets all day long, while the larger part of the upper ten thousand contented themselves with quiet hours at home. Where the rich and poor met on common ground may be seen from sketches which are presented below.

THE SKATING CARNIVAL.

GREAT RUSH TO THE CENTRAL PARK.

Such a throng of skaters and spectators as collected yesterday at the Central Park has never before been equaled. The City cars were absolutely insufficient to accommodate the crowds that flocked to the skating carnival. From daylight until after dark the stream of visitors was continuous, including all ages, sexes and conditions in life, from the ragged urchin with one broken skate, to the *millionaire* in his richly-robed carriage. The Park presented a scene of brilliancy and animation more enlivening than on any day of the popular Saturday afternoon concerts, while the healthful glow on every cheek was a flattering testimonial to the efficacy of this noble breathing-spot of the City. Although the early comers had no very good skating to boast of, they certainly had a decided advantage over those who deferred the visit until late in the afternoon, for long before mid-day the ice was in a most deplorable condition.

The Caledonia Club, and their rivals in the manly sport of curling, were among the first on the pond, and were for a time busily engaged in practicing for their contemplated match. But, as the crowd increased, it was found impossible to keep a place sufficiently clear for them, while the cracking, cutting-up, sinking and melting of the ice finally compelled an abandonment of the match for the day. But the skaters, to the number of several thousands, in the face of obstacles that would have deterred any but New-Yorkers, and perhaps even them on any other day, persisted in their evolutions, rejoiced in their gyrations, and exhibited their skill by tortuous meanderings through the crowd,—presenting an exhilarating scene equal to the liveliness of a thousand ball-rooms. The collisions, the tumblings down, the wetting of clothing, the uncertain foothold of the beginners, as well as the skill of amateurs, afforded ample recreation to all, and especially to the thousands who lined the banks. The drives commanding a view of the pond were crowded throughout the day, while at one time as many as an hundred carriages were drawn up near the shore to afford the occupants an extended view.

The number of ladies in vehicles and on foot was quite remarkable, and it was a common sight to see a gentleman with two pairs of skates on one arm, and a bundle of crinoline on the other. But few ladies, however, participated in the skating, partly owing to the bad condition of the ice on the pond appropriated to their use, and partly from the fact that they prefer to enjoy the sport by moonlight, when they are not so conspicuous. Had the ice permitted yesterday, a class of ladies would have been instructed in the art; but as it was, they had to postpone their lesson. Their diminutive ponds were flooded in the afternoon, so that the first cold snap will atone for yesterdays disappointment.

The condition of the ice in the afternoon was a source of general regret, but did not prevent the majority from attempting the fun in spite of the lowering of the signals that the pond was in good condition. So great was the crowd on the narrower and southern portion of the pond, that about 1 P. M., the Police had orders to clear it. This was no easy task, for the skaters had rather the advantage of their pursuers, and darted hither and thither with a celerity that baffled the authority of the meagre force of the Central Park Police. At length a string of laborers was stretched across the pond, and, advancing, cleared nearly all before them—those who sifted through being captured by the officers, and the unruly ones taken to the station-house. In this way that portion of the pond was cleared in three quarters of an hour, most of the people leaving quietly upon request. But the effort to pursue the same plan on the larger portion of the pond, above the new iron bridge, signally failed. The agile skaters dodged the Police line easily, for the sweeping-machine could not be made to extend the width of the pond. If the sweepers went in the middle, the skaters nimbly slid by at the ends. If the sweepers undertook to spread out, the skaters sailed fleetly under their hands.

In vain did the officers of the law become indignant and exasperated and irate. The plan wouldn't work; and they finally gave up in sheer despair, contenting themselves with the reflection that if the people would run the risk of getting soaked, or even drowned, it wasn't their fault. So the skating went on unmolested, and the little boys took especial pains to collect in crowds near the signs of "danger." Yet no serious accident occurred, as there doubtless would have been had the facilities for getting on the pond been greater. Fortunately the sinking of the ice at the edges left a circuit of water about two inches deep and three feet wide, which made all without skates run the risk of wet feet before joining the crowd of skaters. It is to be hoped that either the Croton Board or the thaw will allow the pond to be speedily flooded, so that ice may be formed which will not be as rough as a mill-stone.

One thing the skaters ought to understand and appreciate, and that is, that the police regulations are for their own comfort and safety, and should be obeyed with that alacrity which has characterized the orderly conduct of the great majority of visitors to the Central Park.

FESTIVALS FOR POOR CHILDREN.

FIVE POINTS HOUSE OF INDUSTRY.

The little children of the Five Points House of Industry had a Merry Christmas of it yesterday. Neatly clad, with faces radiant with soap and water recently applied, and the anticipation of the good time that they were to have, they assembled to the number of 300, at mid-day, in the school-rooms, and went through with their exercises in singing and recitation with buoyancy and spirit. Then at 1 o'clock they sat down to tables bountifully laden, and the music of clattering knives and forks resounded through the building for an hour. After that, at the tapping of the drum, the juvenile army marched into the chapel. There a huge Christmas-tree, whose top reached to the ceiling, and whose branches were laden with the grafted fruits of the holiday season, greeted their eyes, and drew forth from their little throats a shout indicative of the joy with which the sight inspired them. The children sung again, and prayer was offered by Rev. Dr. TRACY, and then the distribution of the gifts commenced. Each received something from the Christmas-tree, and to each a paper bag containing apples, cakes, nuts, and confections, was presented. Their plentiful expressions of delight fully repaid the numerous ladies and gentlemen present for whatever expense and trouble each had been subjected to in preparing the festival. The exercises closed with singing, prayer, and a benediction.

LADIES' HOME MISSION.

The building of the Ladies' Home Mission, on the site of the Old Brewery, at the Five Points, was the scene of similar festivities. From 10½ A. M. to 12½ P. M. about 400 children were gathered there. There was singing of hymns and recitations by the children, and Rev. A. K. SAYFORD and Rev. N. MEAD, the Missionaries who have charge of this commendable charity, addressed their infant charges, dwelling upon the sin of evil doing and the advantages which accrued to them from being good children. Then they were conducted to the Christmas-tree, from which all manner of toys and trinkets were pendant. To all the children presents were given, and those of them who were Sunday School scholars received in addition bags containing fruits, nuts, and other edibles of a like character. The interior of the building was tastefully decorated with evergreens, and on the walls were inscriptions, taken from the Scriptures, conveying lessons well worthy of the remembrance not of the little ones only, but of the children of a larger growth, who, in great numbers, were present at the festivities. It was a very interesting occasion.

THE NEWSBOYS' LODGING-HOUSE.

All the frequenters of this institution had an excellent dinner served up to them yesterday. The proprietors of the Howard House and of the United States Hotel contributed liberally of hams, and of roast turkey and chickens. Cheers for their generous friends were given by voices which would have sounded strangely familiar to those who frequent the lower part of the City could they have heard them. To-day they will change their tune again to cry the latest edition of the Times, but yesterday all this was forgotten until the savory meats had been disposed of. Mrs. WATSON, of Brooklyn, received heartfelt thanks for the share which she had taken in arranging the festivities. In the evening appropriate religious services were held.

THE DAY AT THE HOSPITALS.

On the islands—Blackwell's, Ward's, Randall's—the children, patients and paupers greatly enjoyed the judiciously expended appropriations. The arrangements for a celebration by the lunatics in the Asylum on Blackwell's Island were intrusted to Governor PINCKNEY, who is eminently popular among these poor people, and were well carried out. Soon after noon all capable of enjoying any of the pleasures of life were seated in the different galleries of the beautiful rotunda, where they were entertained for two or three hours by the performances of those of their number who had talent enough to use musical instruments. Subsequently the magic-lantern afforded much amusement.

A CELEBRATION AT YONKERS.

The people of Yonkers were not content to keep Christmas as quietly as did the inhabitants of the rest of the towns along the Hudson. The firemen turned out in full force to give a public reception to a new truck for Hook and Ladder Company No. 1, which arrived in the city a day or two ago. Invitations had been sent to the different companies along the river, to participate in the parade, and eight of them responded to it. These were Engine Company No. 1, Engine Company No. 2, and Hook and Ladder Company No. 1, of Sing Sing; a Hook and Ladder Company and an Engine Company, from Tarrytown, and three others from the adjoining villages. The Yonkers Engine Companies were Protection No. 1, Lady Washington No. 2, Excelsior No. 3, and Hook and Ladder companies Nos. 1 and 2. Dodworth's and Tompkins' Brass Bands, Tompkins' Martial Drum Corps, all from this City, and the Sing Sing Brass Bands were engaged for the occasion. The procession formed at 11 o'clock, and the parade continued until dusk. The New-York Bands returned to this City by the Poughkeepsie train. The firemen presented a fine appearance. Hundreds availed themselves during the day of the opportunity for skating which the splendid ice on the Hudson afforded, both in the neighborhood of Tarrytown and of the cities and villages above.

SABBATH SCHOOL FESTIVALS.

Several of the churches in the City treated their Sabbath Schools to a Christmas Festival yesterday, which was none the less acceptable for being a day behind time according to the almanac. At Dr. BURGER'S Church the children met at 5 o'clock, and after some preliminary singing and speaking, each one received a gift selected from two large Christmas-trees, which stood on either side of the pulpit. The Sabbath School of the Seventeenth-street M. E. Church entertained their parents and friends with a concert in the evening, under the leadership of Mr. HORACE WATERS. At the Forsyth-street M. E. Church addresses were delivered to the children, while they, in turn, helped to make a merry Christmas with their declamations and songs. Similar exercises were held in the Methodist Protestant Church in Attorney-street. All of these festivals passed off to the gratification of both the old and the young.

The State Loan Conditional Bids.

To the Editor of the New-York Times:

We inclose you copies of Mr. R. H. KING's and our own bids for the lately awarded loan at Albany. By looking at your files you will see what were the lowest figures at which any awards were made, and that Mr. KING was awarded $190,000 of the twelve-year stock, and a considerable portion of the six-year stock, by virtue of the codicil to his bid. We abandoned any idea of reversing the decision of the Canal Board, though we claim that public policy would have been better served had no conditional bid been considered.

THOMPSON BROTHERS.

NEW-YORK, Dec. 19, 1859.

TO THE COMMISSIONERS OF THE CANAL FUND, ALBANY: We will take of the New-York State Loan, to be awarded to-morrow, as follows:

Of the *Six years* stock, to bear *six* per cent, interest—$50,000 at $103 05; $200,000 at $102 55; $200,000 at $102 05.

Of the *Twelve years* stock, to bear *six* per cent. interest—$50,000 at $106 05; $200,000 at $104 55; $200,000 at $104 05.

Of the *Eighteen years* stock, to bear *six* per cent. interest—$50,000 at $108 05; $100,000 at $105 55; $200,000 at $105 05.

THOMPSON BROTHERS.

ALBANY, Dec. 20, 1859.

TO THE COMMISSIONERS OF THE CANAL FUND: The undersigned will take $ of the Six per cent. Loan reimbursable in 1866, for which you invite Proposals to be received this day, at the following rates:

$100,000 at $102 05 for each $100; $100,000 at $102 51 for each $100; $50,000 at $102 31 for each $100.

Of the Six per cents reimbursable in 1872: $100,000 at $104 56 for each $100; $100,000 at $104 05 for each $100; $50,000 at $105 56 for each $100.

And of the Six per cents reimbursable in 1877: $100,000 at $106 05 for each $100; $100,000 at $105 80 for each $100; $50,000 at $105 05 for each $100.

And if any part or proportion of the above bids for either class of stock is not awarded me, I will take a corresponding amount of either one of the other classes named, at the prices stated by me for such class.

RUFUS H. KING.

DEATH OF A WIFE RESULTING FROM JEALOUSY.—Coroner FERRIS, on Saturday afternoon, held an inquest on the body of ELIZABETH, wife of JOHN DOUGLASS, tailor, who died at No. 244 Quince-street. The testimony showed that the deceased was married to JOHN DOUGLASS in Ireland, about nine years, and that they have been in this country several years. That some months ago he became acquainted with CATHARINE HARE, a tailoress, and that he left his wife and went to live with her in Camden. Subsequently he returned to his wife and they lived happily for a time. Five weeks ago he took rooms for himself and CATHARINE HARE at No. 244 Quince-street, where he visited her, and where they were supposed to be man and wife. On Saturday night week he went to the house between 11 and 12 o'clock, and had not been there long before a knock was heard at the door. It was opened by CATHARINE HARE, when, to her surprise, Mrs. DOUGLASS rushed in in a state of excitement bordering upon frenzy, and asked where her husband was, saying that she had seen him enter. In the confusion that ensued the light was extinguished, and some minutes elapsed before it would be relit. Mrs. DOUGLASS then made towards her husband, and he was obliged to hold her to prevent her doing violence. In the meantime CATHARINE HARE left the room and did not return. While JOHN DOUGLASS was holding his wife she fell from his arms to the floor and sustained some injury. Typhus fever followed, and she gradually sank, dying on Tuesday night. The testimony showed that every attention was paid to her in the house, and that CATHARINE HARE assisted in nursing her. The jury rendered a verdict that the death of ELIZABETH DOUGLASS was caused by typhus fever, brought on by mental excitement, the effect of jealousy.—*Philadelphia Ledger, Dec. 22.*

NEW-JERSEY MILITARY COMMISSION.—The Commission appointed by the Governor to revise the Militia Laws of the State held their fourth meeting in this city on Friday. Gen. RUNYON was called to the Chair, Col. J. S. BUCKALEW acting as Secretary. The Committee on Arms, Armories and